

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

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Sir. Your Letters of the 26th and 30th Ult^o were laid before the General Assembly with a Recommendation from this Board to revive and amend the Law for impressing Vessels &^{ca} and to make the necessary Provision for the quartering and otherwise accommodat- ing the Troops of our Allies. When the necessary Regulations are determined upon by the Assembly you may rely, we shall advise you of them; as yet, nothing has been done. We have not the least Objec- tion to your making Use of the Barracks and wish them better cal- culated for the Number of Sick and wounded you expect

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Sir. By a Letter just received from Col^o Blaine dated the 1st Inst. we are informed you are about to deliver over to M^r Smith, the French Agent, all the Flour you have on Hand. This is a Step we did not expect, nor can we consent to it by any Means, whilst our Army, as we have great Reason to believe, is in Danger of suffering by the Want of Bread Provisions and the French Agent has secured at least the Quantity he was permitted to purchase. You will without Loss of Time, be pleased to deliver your Flour into the Hands of M^r Giles, the present Continental Agent, who has Orders to forward it with the utmost Speed.

[Council to His Excellency The Cheval'r. de la Luzerne, Minister plenipo. to his Most Christian Majesty.]

We were honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 17th ult^o The polite Assurance that you received Pleasure when you under- stood the Commander of his most Christian Majesty's Squadron had made Choice of this Station because you could rely on us for Succour, communicated the highest Satisfaction. Such is our Inclination to render every Assistance in our Power to the Troops of our illustrious Ally, that nothing was necessary to prompt us to an Exertion for their Relief, but a Communication of their Wants and sufferings. Our Duty seconded by our Attachment to Friends who have bravely fought and bled in the Cause of Liberty, lead us to consider their Distresses as our Own, and make our Exertions to provide the Sick and wounded with suitable Lodgings and proper Sustenance, the most pleasing Task. Victualling the Squadron is certainly an important Object and demands our utmost Endeavours to enable Mons^r DeGrasse or any other French Commander, to pro- cure full and Speedy Supplies for the Use of the Fleet. The Con- gratulation of your Excellency, is flattering. Convinced that America is interested in the judicious Appointments of your King, it gives us infinite Pleasure in felicitating you and United America, on your Excellency's Appointment, which alone can console us for the Loss