

sideration; we refer you to our Letter of the fifth, a Copy of which is enclosed. We think the Certificates given by the Commissioners, are discountable out of the Assessments that the Sheriffs are now collecting, or any future Assessment at the Option of the Bearer of the Certificate. We have sent you an Order on the Collector of your County for the further Sum of £3000.

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[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

Sir Sundry of your Letters have been received by this Board, which we have hitherto wanted Time and Opportunity to answer. Agreeable to your Request on the 30th of Dec^r an Order was drawn upon the late Collector of Cecil County in Favor of M^r Harwood the Continental Treasurer for £93750 Subject to your Order as a Part of the sum granted to Charles Pettit by Warrant from Congress. In Answer to your second Letter, of same Date, we have to observe that no Charges have been exhibited against you for Misconduct The Letters and Certificate which you enclosed were returned through M^r Harwood, as we were pressed in Point of Time and he had Occasion to write you. Yours of the 15th of January, gives us a high Sense of your Attachment to the Interest of America and your unremitting Exertions to discharge the important Duties of your Office: your Measures are prudential and very pleasing to us. It certainly would be most adviseable to remove the Flour from the interior Parts of the Country first, as there will be a Chance of having Water Carriage for what lays on Rivers and the Bay before the whole is sent off. The Attention you mention in your Letter of the 26th of Jan^r to have given to the Flour then lying at Susquehanna, was very necessary and may be a Means of preserving much that, otherwise, would be exposed; the expensive Manner of forwarding it will most certainly be avoided, as soon as we are informed that the Army is well supplied. Your Returns of the Quantity of Flour sent forward, are received. The Conduct of the Commissary, in ordering the Wheat to be carried to Mills out of the direct Route to Camp, is very extraordinary, nor is that of the French Agents more easily to be accounted for. As to Certificates for Money lent to the Continent, that Business is solely with the Commissioner and as we are not inclined to multiply ours, which we are sorry to find considerably encreasing every Day; therefore refer you to him suggesting at the same Time, that the Law under which you were appointed to receive Loans expired the last Session. We had heard of several valuable Officers refusing to qualify under a Law of the last Session and we had Apprehensions of losing you; but the Receipt of yours of the 31st Ultimo, gave us Relief and Pleasure. By your Letter of the 8th Ins^t you are somewhat perplexed by the Dispute between the State Commissioners and the Commissary. We have determined finally on this Point, of which these Commissioners are

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