

December 22 [Council Circular to the Persons appointed to carry the Embargo
Liber No. 78 Act into Execution.]
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Confiding in your Patriotic Zeal and Activity, we have appointed you in Conjunction with

to assist in carrying into Execution the enclosed Act to prohibit the Exportation of Indian Corn &^{ca} a great Scarcity of the Articles enumerated in the Act will be created, Price will be enhanced and the Difficulties of obtaining Supplies for the Army will be augmented. If every Exertion is not made and the utmost Vigilance used to prevent a Removal of these Articles out of the State by designing and enterprising Persons whose Prospect of Grain [gain?] may induce them to attempt an Evasion of the said Act at every Hazard. We are too well acquainted with your Attachment to your Country, its Liberties and Independance to suppose the above Successions are by any Means necessary to stimulate you to give the greatest Attention to this Business, but we thought it our Duty to disclose what has occurred to us relative to this Subject. When you stop any of the Articles enumerated in the said Act which is about to be carried or removed out of the State, You are to give Information of it to a Magistrate and cause it to be deposited in such Place as he shall appoint. You will take Care to let us know frequently what you do under the said Act.

Ibid. [Council to General Washington.]

Yesterday we had the Honor of receiving your Excellencys Favour of the 10th Instant. The Instructions you were pleased to give relative to depositing the Supplies required of this State, shall be strictly attended to. We have the Honor to be with the highest Respect and Esteem &^{ca}

Ibid. [Council to Naval Officer of Baltimore.]

We have sent M^r Garretson the Sheriff of Baltimore an Act to prevent the Exportation of Indian Corn &^{ca} and directed him to publish it immediately, As we have not Time to send you a Copy by this opportunity we refer you to him. We have likewise directed
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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Ringgold Twenty two pounds, six shillings of the new Emission to be delivered over to Richard Spencer in lieu of eight hundred and ninety two pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud^r Gen^l