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[Council to Mr. Patrick Sim Smith]

As there is a pressing Demand for Provision for the Support of the Convention Troops, we desire you to send all the Beef you procure on the Hoof to M<sup>r</sup> George Murdoch in Frederick Town and that you forward them as soon as you make up 15 or 20 in a Drove.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Nathaniel Shepherd of M<sup>r</sup> Rutlands Sloop rations for himself and hands whilst in the public Service

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway one hundred Dollars of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Harvey Howard forty seven pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him by Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

That the Armourer deliver to Capt Thomas Steel of the Brig Fox six pound of Match rope.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Kiersted Commander of the Schooner Nautilus one hundred and three Tons burthen, navigated by twenty men, mounting eight Carriage Guns belonging to John Dorsey & C<sup>o</sup> Baltimore

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[Council to Colonel Hooe.]

We this Moment received your Favor of this Day and will most cheerfully contribute our Assistance on this Day and every other occasion to enable your State to repel the common Enemy. We can Supply you with four eighteen Pounders and three nines and one hundred eighteen Pounds of Shot and the like Number of nine Pound shot, ten Barrels of Powder, (six of Canon and four of Musquet) Dorsey and Company have two twelve Pounders here with Carriages which they offer to lend. The Carriages belonging to Canon are so out of Repair that they will not bear them, so that it will be necessary for you to send Carriages, our Canon is lodged at the Head of Severn River. It gives us much Concern that we cannot spare you any Musquets, field Pieces or Cartridge Paper, having only a Number necessary for our use, in Case we should be invaded. We wish to be informed of the Progress and Conduct of the Enemy as frequently as you possibly can.

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[Council to Capt. William Middleton.]

You are immediately to proceed with the Dolphin and Plater as low down the Bay as is consistent with Discretion and your Safety keeping a good Look out. If you discover the Vessels of the Enemy or obtain authentic Intelligence of their Movements up the Bay in Force, you are to return and advise us thereof with the utmost Expe-