

[Council to Mr. Holker.]

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It is proposed by the Governor and Council of Maryland to M^r Holker that he procure some Person in France to purchase in France upon the best Terms at the Cash Price Arms and Cloathing for the Troops of this State agreeable to Invoice, and Ship them for Baltimore Town with orders to endeavour to make that Port or some part of Chesapeak Bay; and if prevented by the Enemy or the weather from making the Port of Baltimore or some part of Chesapeake then to advance to make Philadelphia or some part of Delaware Bay and if prevented by the Enemy or the weather from making Phil^a or some part of Delaware then to endeavour to make some Port in Connecticut or Massachusetts Bay if the Goods are delivered in Chesapeak or Delaware the Government of Maryland will pay two shillings and six pence Sterling for every Shilling Sterling prime Cost in France clear of commission and all other charges except only the Expence of Transporting the Goods from the place where purchased to the Place of Shipping to be paid on the Delivery of the Goods in merchantable Fine Flour each Barrell to contain two hundred and twenty pounds of Flour at the current market price at the time of the Delivery of the Goods which shall not exceed thirty shillings sterling per Barrell but if the Flour should exceed that Price the State may pay in good Bills of Exchange on France If the Goods are delivered at any Port in Connecticut or Massachusetts the Government of Maryland will pay two shillings for every shilling as above in Flour as above. Double the Quantities of Goods required shall be shipped and if they arrive in either of the Bays or States below mentioned Chesapeak or Delaware Bay the State of Maryland shall have them and pay for them Two Shillings for every shilling cost as above, if delivered in Connecticut or Massachusetts to pay twenty pence for every shilling cost as above If the shippers of the Goods should chuse to Export the Flour Liberty shall be granted and if they should not chuse to be paid in Flour as above they shall be paid in Tobacco inspected under Law at the time of the Delivery of the Goods at twelve shillings Sterling per hundred clear of casks or in good Bills of Exchange on France in case the Price of Tobacco should exceed the sum Stipulated at the option of the State.

[Council to Colonel Leonard Marbury.]

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We received your Letter of the 6th Instant and have sent Certificates for the several Persons mentioned in Mess^{rs} Murdock and Thompson's Letter approving their Settling in our State. We can assure you it gives us great Pleaure to receive into our State the Friends of America who have been driven from their Homes by the Enemy, and hope the Asylum they have chosen will afford them every Satisfaction and Advantage they can wish