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Virginia the Captain of the said Schooner previous to his Loading on board any of the said Articles, giving Bond payable to the State in the penalty of one thousand Pounds Specie Conditioned that if the said Cargo shall be delivered on board the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty or to the American Army in Virginia the Danger of the Seas and Enemy only excepted and shall within four Months of the Date of such Bond produce to the Governor and Council of this State a

p. 57 Certificate under the hand of a Captain or Commanding Officer of some one of the Ships of War of the said Fleet or of some officer of higher Rank or of some principal Officer in the American Army aforesaid of such delivery, then such Bond to be void else of full force, and the Captain of the said Schooner also making Oath before the Naval Officer who shall Clear out the said Vessel, at or before the time of her clearing out that he will use his utmost endeavour to prevent the said Cargo or any part thereof falling into the hands of the Enemy and will deliver the same if in his power agreeably to this Licence.

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[Council to Marquis De la Fayette.]

We have the Honor of your Letter of the 6th Current and you may rest assured Sir that any Dispatch that comes to our Hands for you shall be instantly forwarded. The heavy Cannon which you request shall be furnished from this Place but the Carriages are out of repair and we think unfit for service General Gist has promised

p. 86 to order the three hundred Round of Powder and Ball necessary for them from Baltimore

Ibid.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

Yours of the 8th Instant we have received. It is not in our Power to supply you with Money as we cannot demand the Sum you require, but as the Collectors are called on to pay in their Collections immediately we shall be enabled to comply with your Request in a few Days, in the mean Time we wish you to procure by Purchase or Loan as much Salt as you think necessary for securing the meat Provision which shall be returned or paid for in a short Time. It is not necessary at this Time to send forward the Meat to Frederick Town, you will therefore wait our further Directions thereon. The Appointment of Auctioneer for Charles County accompanies this

Ibid.

[Council to John Dorsey and Company.]

We are in want of Sugar to supply the Army, and request you will immediately send to this Place our full Proportion of the Foxes Cargoe. We have been much disappointed in not having our former requests to this purpose, attended to and flatter ourselves it will not be the Case hereafter.