

April 12 want Provisions We therefore request you to purchase Provisions
 Liber No. 78 for them and if you are not able to procure on Purchase, we hereby
 p. 127 authorise and empower to seize such Provisions as may be necessary
 for the Troops, live Cattle will be most acceptable

Ibid.

[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

By a letter received from the Marquis, he informs us that when he was going up the Bay two Men came on Board the Fleet with the Detachment under his Command, having been induced to mistake them for British, and gave every Intelligence in their Power, offering to guide him to several Places on the Shore and telling him they had been on Board the Hope, and had supplied the Enemy with Provisions and offered to pilot them to a Place where they had a Sloop loaded with Flour and ready to slip off to Portsmouth; in Consequence of which the Marquis dispatched Major M^cPherson and six Men with one of those who gave the Information with Intent to seize the Sloop and Flour they were to land in Gun Powder Creek where the Sloop lay as the Marquis had not heard from Major McPherson he seems uneasy for Fear some Disaster might have befallen him. We request you will immediately make Inquiry for the Major and render him every necessary Aid in your Power. You will also give the Marquis at the Head of Elk the earliest Information you may collect on this Subject.

Friday 13th April 1781

April 13
 Liber C. B.
 No. 24
 p. 70

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Denton Hammond thirty Dollars per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred and nine pounds ten Shillings due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

Commissions issued to John H. Nicholls appointed Captain Thomas Nicholls Lieut. & John Jones En. of a Select Company of Militia raised in Montgomery County.

April 13,
 1781
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[Sp^l Council Instructions to Mes^s Gold and Emory]

You are to proceed with all possible Dispatch to Phil^a for the Arms and Ammunition and on your way call on W^m Deford near Churchhill, who you are to appoint Waggon Master on this Occasion and inform him and other Team Drivers whom you may have occasion to take into the service, when you think they may arrive at the City so that they may meet with no Delay there. If you find that the Enemy are destined for the Delaware, you'd do well to apply to our members in congress for a strong Guard to attend the Waggon as low as M^cClanes Tavern ab^t six miles below the red Lyon at which place a Guard from this State will be ready to relieve