

the said guard, but if you should have Information that the Enemy are about to Land in the Delaware State and apprehend it will be attended with great Hazard to pass through the Lower end of Cecil and the heads of Kent and Queen Anns Counties, we would if you may think it absolutely necessary, have you turn Down to the Head of Elk & consult Col. Hollingsworth there who we are assured will render you every assistance, in getting the Articles above mentioned carried down by water from the Head of Elk to turners Creek tak^g particular care that they do not fall into the Hands of the Enemy on their water carriage. In this case you are to order your waggons round to Turners Creek & if any accident should happen to them on their way round, you are hereby authorized to impress waggons in Kent and Cecil; or when you can get them to proceed by the way of Chester Town to this place Eight waggons will be necessary to bring the arms & Ammunition & four good Horses must be carried with Gears and Drivers to bring down the Artilery which is properly mounted. And if Deford can't furnish you with as many waggons as are necessary, you are to go to Chester Town and apply to Lieu^t Bordley of Kent County who is authorized by us to impress as many waggons as may be necessary if they cant be hired at Twenty shillings γ day Exclusive of any Expen^ce to the State, at which rate four are already hired.

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[Council to Col. Samuel Smith.]

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We are this Moment informed by M^r that John Hammond Cromwell was committed by him to the Guard House in Baltimore Town on Suspicion of buying Flour for the use of the Enemy. We have Strong reasons to believe this Man has been engaged in Practices of this kind and as some of his Agents are or will be executed as Spies and as every possible Information will be drawn from them previous to Execution we are not without Hopes of establishing the Charges against Cromwell, as it is proper to go into an Examination as early as possible, we are desirous of having him brought here, and presuming the Lieutenant of Baltimore County may be absent, we request you will send him to Annapolis immediately under a vigilant Spirited militia Officer with a small Guard.

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[Council to Mr. Richard Curson.]

Ibid.

Gen^l Gist laid before us your Offer to sell the State some Cloths and Linens at one hundred γ Cent on the prime cost to be paid in Continental Money at one hundred and twenty for one if immediately paid, if not paid now, in Bills at seventy five continental Dollars for five livres, we are much in want of such Articles for the Soldiers and have determined to take them on the Terms proposed and will give an Order on the Collector of Baltimore County for the Amount in new continental State Money at the Exchange of three for one