

May 30 Volunteer Troop of Light Horse in Baltimore Town and each
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In Virtue of the Power vested in us by the enclosed Resolutions we have appointed you special Agent to procure Cloathing for the Troops of this State, to be marched to the Southern Army; and as this is a Business of great Importance to this, as well to the United States, we earnestly recommend to your immediate Attention, the Execution thereof you will observe that the General Assembly have given Directions for a Quantity of fine and superfine Flour to be immediately manufactured, in Consequence of which we have issued our Orders to the Commissaries to have the Wheat manufactured in equal Proportions immediately. The Flour shall be delivered by the first of September you will therefore enter into Contracts for the Cloathing immediately by exchanging the Flour for such Articles as are most and immediately wanting agreeable to his herewith enclosed or by Vending the same as may be most advantageous to the State. We refer to your Consideration the Propriety of making your Purchases in Philadelphia, as we have understood the Articles wanted may be obtained there on much better Terms than in this State.

Ibid.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

The extraordinary Exertions made by this State on every occasion in complying with the Demands of Congress, the Marquis's Detachment the southern Army, our Militia and other Expenditures have altogether exhausted our Treasury and Stores of Arms and Cloathing so that it is not in our Power to furnish the Troops that are here with Cloathing Arms &^{ca} nor properly equip our Militia to repel the Enemy. Under these distressing Circumstances, we request you to make known our wants to Congress in the most earnest Manner and endeavour to obtain a Proportion of all Cloathing Arms &^{ca} that Congress now or may hereafter have for this State. We do not think that the rampart Pieces will be of great use to us however he will take five hundred of them for our Gallies, and with Pleasure receive the two field Pieces and as many more as can be spared to us in great Necessity for them. Enclosed are two Letters for Chevalier Colbert one of which came recommended by the Marquis, we request you to forward them as soon as possible. We shall forward as soon as possible a Quantity of Flour to be vended in Philadelphia and propose to supply you with Money from the Sales thereof.

Ibid.

[Council Circular to the Lieu^t of the several Counties.]

It is necessary that all the Draughts in this State should be brought to a Point. We therefore request you will order all the Draughts within your County to march thither without Delay.