

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

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We have received your Letter of this Date, and as we have occasion to send the Boat Plator Capt Middleton to Patuxent to convoy some Tobacco vessels from thence, we have ordered him to wait on you and bring all the Salted Provisions you have. If it is in large Casks, the Transportation will be easy and it can be repacked in Barrels here if not immediately used. You will hasten Capt Middleton away with all possible Dispatch.

[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.]

Ibid.

You will immediately proceed to Lower Marlbro in Patuxent and there apply to Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r for some Salt Provisions belonging to the State, and take it on Board and then you will proceed to the Vessels in the same River loading with Tobacco by M^r Key on Account of the State bound to the Head of the Bay which you are to convoy as far as this Place; when you are to return with the Provisions, unless you think there is Danger from the Enemy, in such Case you are to convoy them until you think they are out of Danger.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

Ibid.

We were honored with yours of the 12th Instant, be assured that your very disagreeable Situation for want of remittances from this State, has given us real Concern, and that it would give us considerable Relief to remove them immediately. We have delivered Philip Key Esq^r two hundred and thirty Hogsheads of Tobacco to be immediately transported to Philadelphia, eighty Hogsheads of which are now a Float, from the Sales thereof you are to be supplied with Money. M^r Key drew an Order on M^r Mollohan for sixty Pounds Specie to be delivered to you which we imagine you have received. You may rely, Gentlemen that if our Abilities were equal to our Inclinations, you would not be left in such embarrassing Circumstances.

[Conncil to Gen'l Assembly.]

Ibid.

We have lately made many Contracts with the Individuals of the State, for Provision and military Stores, presuming that Means would have been provided by the General Assembly, to enable us to comply with them: some of these Contracts are in paper, others in Specie, and the rest in Specie to be paid in Tobacco or Flour at a Price, to be ascertained by the Governor and Council, and the Party or Bills on the Havanna. The Articles have been delivered and the Party call on us to perform our part of the Contract; insisting and we believe very truly, that he has expended considerable sums of his own Money, in procuring and furnishing the Articles, and that he will be put to great Inconvenience unless he is paid. We are exceed-