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accrue on the Money you may borrow and pointing out the Mode for complying with the Engagements you shall make for the Articles enumerated in the Invoices not exceeding the Quantity of Flour and Tobacco limited by the resolution, you will observe that the Flour and Tobacco is to be delivered in this State at a stipulated Price, or at the current Market Price at the Time and Place of Delivery and we have thought proper to instruct you not to engage Tobacco at less than fourteen Livres per hundred Pounds and Flour at not less than thirteen Livres per hundred Pounds. The Compensation to be made for the Money obtained on Loans, as not to exceed eight p Cent p Annum on Tobacco, and nine on Flour. To lessen the risque of the State, we think you ought either to insure or send the Goods in several Bottoms, as may be most convenient and do instruct you accordingly. If a sufficient Sum cannot be procured on Loan, nor Contracts made to supply us with all the Articles mentioned in the Invoice, we desire you to buy and contract for them in the order in which they stand.

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We repose the utmost Confidence in your Probity Diligence and Discernment in Mercantile Affairs, and are convinced, that the various Matters entrusted to your Care and Management will be so candidly and judiciously conducted, as to promote the Interest of the State, and give entire Satisfaction. We request you will constantly give us precise Information of whatever is transacting on the Political Theatre of Europe, which concerns the united States, and more particularly what relates to Maryland.

Ibid. [Council Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

We have yours of the 11th Instant with your Return for the Months of June and July; whatever Flour you have that is not of a Quality to comply with Col Smiths Orders must be turned over to the continental Store keeper or Quarter Master at the Head of Elk. We send you by this Opportunity £100 of the late Emission which is to be passed only as Specie and for Expences incurred in your Departments from the 19th of June

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Job. Garretson.]

It appears to this Board from the representation of Richard Love and others of Baltimore Town that Oliver Button has been absent since December 1779, and was probably dead when the Militia Fines were adjudged to be due from him, and for which Executions are issued against the Lands of Effects to the great Distress of the widow, and a poor Family. In two former Instances we requested you to forbear levying some Militia Fines until the People could petition the Assembly and in the present Instance we request you also to suspend the Execution, and advise the widow and her Friends to apply to the Assembly at their next Session.