

That Nicholas Maccubbin Esq^r deliver to John Bullen Esq^r Quarter Master, all the public flour, Bran and shorts remaining in his hands.

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Liber C. B.
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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

By a Letter this Moment received a Letter from His Excellency General Washington and since by Col^o Humphrey his Aid, we are informed the Army in Virginia are now in Distress for Provisions, particularly Flour. We therefore request you will load two or three Vessels at Baltimore and send them with all possible Dispatch to Virginia of the first that can be obtained. We wish this Business to be executed without Loss of Time and if any Difficulty should occur in procuring Vessels from the Quarter Master, that you will represent the Consequences that must attend Delay. We have also written to M^r Richardsons Deputy at George Town to forward Supplies of that Kind from thence.

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Liber No. 78
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[Council to Thomas Richardson Esqr.]

Ibid.
p. 281

By authentic Information received this Morning our Army in Virginia is now in want of Provision, particularly of the Bread Kind; we therefore most earnestly request you will procure and load all the Vessels at George Town and Bladensburg proper for transporting Provisions and immediately send them forward to the Point of Operations in Virginia. We are informed there are two Brigs at Alexandria and there are probably other Vessels that would answer the Purpose. We wish you would endeavour to engage the whole, or such Number as you can load, in this Service and we have the greater Expectations of your procuring them as General Knox promised to call upon the Merchants of that Town and represent the Necessity of their aiding this State in forwarding the Business of Transportation by Water.

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

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As the Service requires the use of every Vessel in the State that can transport Baggage or Stores: we most earnestly request and hereby authorize and empower you to impress all Vessels that may be found in Patowmack fit for such Service, and for so doing, this shall be your Justification. You will dispatch such Vessels as you may impress immediately to this Place where they will receive their Instructions.

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Ibid.

[Gov. Lee to James Calhoun Esqr.]

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The great Scarcity of Bread Provisions at the American Camp in Virginia, renders it absolutely necessary to forward Supplies of that Kind thither with the utmost Celerity. I therefore hope it will be in your Power, and in that Case, request you to put a large Quantity of Flour on Board the Vessels destined to transport the

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Ibid.