

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to four British Prisoners taken by the French in Chesepeake Bay three Days Provisions.

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[Council to General Washington.]

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Col^o Blaine called upon us this Day on his Way to Elk. You may rest assured that nothing within the Compass of our Power shall be omitted to obtain and hasten to your Excellency Supplies of every Kind. We have the Pleasure to send 500 Barrels of Flour by Capt. Handy in the Schooner Dragon, also 48 pick Axes, 50 axes, 50 Spades and 140 Shovels

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.]

Ibid.

Col^o Blaine desires to have a good Boat of about twenty Tons, impressed, to go to Corsica to take in a Quantity of Beef to carry to the Army; We request therefore that you will impress such an one, or two, if one is not large enough

[Council to Doct^r Ephraim Howard.]

Ibid.

We are favored with your Letter of yesterday with the entrenching Tools mentioned and desire you to continue making to the 20th Instant particularly more axes and some Hatchets. It appears to us that the Spades and Shovels are of a Size too small and that the Pick Axes, at one End, should be 4 Inches in Breadth. The Eye of the Axes are also too small, not being capable of admitting a Helve of sufficient size & strength.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr. & same to Colo Henry Hollingsworth, except the P. S.]

Ibid.
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We are just informed by Col^o Blaine that our Army must in a very short Time suffer for Bread Provision unless great Exertions are immediately made by this State to procure and forward 3000 Barrels, we therefore in the most strenuous and earnest Manner repeat our Order that you instantly use your utmost Endeavours to have collected and deposited at the Places heretofore assigned, all the public Flour within your District and that you give the most unremitting attention to this Business, until it is accomplished. If it should be impracticable to collect and deposit the above Quantity out of the public Flour immediately, we request you to make every Effort to borrow what may be deficient and to assure the Owners it shall be replaced out of the public Flour of the like Quality. We shall not permit any Flour to be exported out of the State, until our Army is amply supplied, nor will General Washington suffer any Vessel to go to Sea with that Article while the Army is in Want.

P. S. As it may be difficult for you to procure Flour Barrels immediately, for the Money of the last Emission, without a Portion of