

me that he is without any Kind of Provisions except Flour, and has not the most Distant Prospect of Procuring a supply of meat, or getting any repairs or additions made to the Barracks, as he is without Tools and unable to Procure workman. I am really apprehensive that the Greater part of those Troops will escape without some Effectual measures Can be adopted to have them supplied wth Provisions Col^o Rawlings seems by his Letter to me to have mistaken my Intentions he Conceives the Troops to be Delivered to him as Commissary of Prisoners, my Ideas were for him to receive them as Commanding Officer of the Guard, as I dont Conceive by the resolves of Congress that they were Positively Deemed unconditional Prisoners of war, as the Direction of the Board of war is to separate them from the Officers and to give them the allowance of Provisions Issued to Prisoners of war, untill I shall be informed that Payment has been made for their subsistence heretofore. I find that a Great number of those Troops are Concealed by the Inhabitants, who are greatly offended when I send Guards for them, and go so far as to threaten bringing suits. I beg your Excellency will represent this matter to the Assembly, who I Trust will think it Proper to enact a Law or Pass a resolve for Discouraging a Practice so incompatible with the Interest of the United States. The Board of war Inform me, that a flag ship is to Come up Potomack with money & Necessaries for the Convention Troops. I am waiting here to Transact that Business, and shall be Glad to be informed whether the Flag has Received your Permission to Come to her moorings at George Town

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[Henry Hooper, to Gustavus Scott, Esq., Annapolis] (Fav^d by May 29
Capt. Wheatly)

From a Scarcity of money among us I have done very little in collecting Class money and from the short crops of wheat last year and the obstruction the Enemy have given to the Transporting Indian Corn &c up the Bay many people and I think the greater part of them are utterly unable to pay. I should therefore be glad you would represent the Circumstances of our County to the Assembly and endeavour to procure An Act for the payment of Class money, after Harvest in Wheat or other produce to be delivered to the Commissary of the County

I should be glad you could procure me a Copy of the Militia Act as we are at a Loss to know in what manner to impose Fines &c.

Col^o Jones informs me our Barge will be ready to launch in a fortnight from this time and wish you would whilst in Annapolis endeavour to procure for her sail Cloath, Rigging, Guns &c.