

July 12 ble, who are to Issue Rations provide Barracks & other necessaries & when I may expect the Bounty for them, & Likewise whether I am to have the Command of them or whether they are to be Delivered to Regular Officers.

July 12 [Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Governor and Council.]

On the 18th Ult. I took the liberty to request the directions of your Hon^{ble} Board in several matters relating to the Commissary Department, but have not been favoured with any instructions on that subject

I am very desirous to get this business into a proper channel so as the State may have Credit for the Specific Supplies furnished the Continent which will not be the case for any but what is delivered to a Continental officer, therefore must once more take the liberty of pointing out what I apprehend is the proper channel for supplies to pass through—there are certain Magazines established in this State by the Commander in Chief viz. Head of Elk Baltimore & George Town at each of which place is a Continental Store keeper whose business it is to receive Specific Supplies from the State Commiss^{ry} and forward them to wherever they may be wanted either in or out of the State but those Continental Storekeepers having once received Provisions into their hands can only deliver them to a Continental officer or Issuing commissary & hence the impropriety of having any other than Continental Issuing Commissaries at the different Posts for besides the great trouble it must necessarily be to your Board it is attended with a very considerable expence to this State in sending Provisions from the Magazines to the different Posts which ought to be the business of the Continental Quarter Master or Store keeper at the expence & risque of the United States.

I am afraid the Quantity of Merchantable Flour that I shall be able to deliver Col^l Smith will fall short of your order as a good deal of the wheat was manufactured into common flour previous to the resolve of the Gen^l Assembly, besides M^r W^m Smith insists on being furnished with his 518 Barrels as his order was prior to Col^o Smith. Pray direct me what to do in this matter and also what is to be done with the common flour in the different Counties which am very apprehensive will not keep good through the Summer Season.

Yours of the 10th came to hand last night & agreeable to order I now send p bearer fifty Barrels of flour as p Invoice enclosed to M^r Chrisal for which was oblidge to pay the freight before the Skipper would take it in—such is the unhappy situation of our Public Credit