

October 15

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Council.]

I Yesterday received a letter from Col. Stewart Com^y Gen^l of Issues respecting the forwarding of Liquors to the Army, and as I know nothing of that matter having never received any direction on the subject have taken the liberty to enclose a copy of Col^l Stewarts letter which although it expresses very great want of Liquors gives me pleasure at the same time with respect to Provision. Our exertions in forwarding flour from this State has certainly been very considerable. From the best information I can collect there has been at least 3000 Barrels sent from George Town & this place since Gen^l Washington went to Virginia

Yours of the 10th was delivered me and I immediately sent off 44 Barrels of Flour for the Post at Annapolis, which was all that Boat could carry and nearly all the Flour that was here Subject to my orders for as fast as it comes in it is delivered over to the Continental Store Keeper to be forwarded to the Army and after he receives it from the State he cannot deliver it but to a Continental Officer or Issuing Com^y, this I mentioned to Col^o Stewart & he engaged to appoint a Com^y at Annapolis which would have put this business in its proper channel and save your honble Board the trouble of ordering Flour &c. when wanted—but suppose it has not been done.

October 7 [Chas Steward, Commy. Genl. Issues, Camp before York Town, to Jas Calhoun, Esquire, Agent for the Western Shore, Maryland.]

Col^o Blaine inform'd me that money was advanc^d by the Gov^r & Council of your State to purchase a quantity of whisky, I am sorry to acquaint you that great is the want of that Article in Camp, and must beg your attention to Collecting and forwarding what may be purchased with all possible dispatch to the Army, the position of the Troops as well as the real fatigue they undergo, require every support & encouragement you will therefore excuse my pressing sollicitation on the Subject of Supplies particularly spirits, Since my arrival in this State the Troops have not wanted Bread or Meat & the prospect in future is not discouraging in those Articles but much is in regard to Liquors

October 16 [Joshua Burgess of the 4th Maryland Regm^t to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

To His Excellency the Governor and Council May it please your Honours.

Necessity compels me to apply to your Honours for relief in my present Situation which is very weak and low, and has been from the time of my return from my Captivity Insomuch that I have from that time been under the Doctors hands. On my return from