

farther Depredations. We do not know the Number of Men ordered on Duty, nor how long there will be Occasion for their Services. We request you will take some Step to make Provision for them; perhaps it would be best to give Directions to the Commissaries of the adjacent Counties to furnish Col^o Dashiell with such Provisions as he may want for the Militia. He says, he believes there is a Quantity of Flour in Somerset, sowering; this, we presume may be applied that Way.—

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[Council to Col^o Joseph Dashiell]

Ibid.

We lament exceedingly, the Distress of the People of your County, and wish it was in our Power to relieve them, by preventing the Depredations of the Enemy. We know of no other Expedient, under present Circumstances, than keeping up a sufficient Guard to protect yourselves. Being on the Spot, you will be better able to judge than we, when it will be necessary to order out the Militia; and as you are well aware of the Expence, as well as the Inconvenience to the People, we rely on your Prudence, that they will not be ordered, nor kept longer on Duty, than Occasion may require. We have requested the Intendant to take the proper Steps for supplying you with Provisions. As to the Difficulties of paying the black Money, we know not how to remove them. The Law is so positive that we conceive nothing less than an Act of the Legislature can authorize the Collector to receive the Red Money for the Fund Tax. We are much obliged to you for your Information respecting Whaland, and we anxiously hope that Capt. Walley will be able to give a good Account of him.

Thursday 5 September 1782

Permission is hereby given to Capt Frederick Baker of this State to solicit His Excellency General Washingtons leave to go into the City of New York for the Purpose of applying for a Flag to bring from thence to Baltimore Town the household furniture of Richard Cursen Esquire Merchant in said Town.—

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[Council to Archibald Buchanan & John M^cLure Esquires]

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We are and have been long anxious to discharge the Debts incurred by our Officers, while in Captivity in New York, and will most chearfully afford the Intendant of the Revenues every Assistance in our Power, necessary to enable him to do it, and refer you to him.

Friday 6 September 1782

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Perry Benson forty one Pounds, seventeen shillings & four Pence—and Richard

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