

no 4. If Martens Men will agree to help us in the Ship, ~~we will be obliged to them~~ We have not yet resolved what to do with the Friendship, from our Advice, it will be better than nothing to send her with Bread and Flour. If you have an opportunity for a further Purchase of Tobacco, advise us of the Terms.

Mr. Jesse Hallingsworth. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis April 3^d 1777

Sir We are desirous of being informed of the State of the Artillery Companies in Baltimore; you will therefore obtain an exact State of Capt. Furnival's and attend us with that and a State of your own as soon as you can.

Capt. Nathaniel Smith. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis Ap^l 3^d 1777

Sir We are in great Want of Cloathing for such of the Troops as are to march a good many are kept for ^{nothing but} Blankets, which will be very soon got and Cloathing You had 600 yds of blue knapped Stuff delivered to you for your Artillery Company, on a Presumption that it would be very soon full, and we understand that you have yet but a small Number; you are therefore to send such of the Stuff as is not already used to Mr. Charles Howard with a Bill of it by the Defence's Tender, which we expect will come down in a few Days with some Articles from Mr. Hopkins.

Capt. Alexander Burnival. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis Ap^l 3^d 1777

Sir A Quantity of Pease are wanting for the Troops and the Marine Service; from what we have understood, it is likely you may be able to purchase some in your Neighbourhood. We therefore request the Favour of you to buy up, for the Public Use, any Quantity not exceeding 500 Bushels as cheap as you can, not exceeding 6^s per Bushel. We wish you not to mention the Purpose for which you purchase, as we have the Mortification to see that a Knowledge of the Public Wants too frequently occasions exorbitant Exactions. We have wrote to the same Purpose to...

to inform you of to prevent your bidding against each other. Be pleased to advise us of your Success, that we may send for your Purchase, and reimburse you.

William W. Bryde Comers^t
John Denwood Comers^t
William W. W. Worcester. } We are &c.

In Council Annapolis Ap^l 3^d 1777

Sir The Bearer of this Mr. William Deards of this City is desirous of passing through Pennsylvania to his Excellency Genl. Washington's Camp, to request of him the Liberty of going to England by Way of New York. He represents that his domestic Concerns only induce him to leave this State. We do not know whether Genl. Washington will or will not grant his Request.