

22. ~~as many in the Environs of this City~~ ^{as many in the Environs of this City} We have ordered you eight ~~for Beds for your Battalion~~ ^{for Beds for your Battalion} We are &c.

(Col. Richardson in his
Absence - Maj. Smith)

Sir In Council Annapolis 15th Apr 1777.

Our Commissioners having returned from York Town without being able to do any thing effectual in the Business they went on, there is now no Probability of a Regulation of Prices being made - Sixty five Pounds a Ton is certainly a very high Price for Hemp at this

23. Town, but we must have Cordage, and wish you to get supplied with ten Tons of Hemp and to work it up as quick as you can. We are &c.

Christopher Saunders Esq.

Sir Annapolis 15th Apr 1777.

The Governour and Council having ordered the principal Part of the Powder in the Magazine kept by you to Frederick Town, and a good many Waggon being expected down for the Removal of it, you will deliver to each a Load as they apply to you, taking a Receipt for the Casks delivered and sending a Memorandum by each, four Waggon will apply with this and I would have you stop others as they may be coming down

24. You will be attentive that the Casks are in good Order, such as are not, must be kept for Repair or Use here. If eight Waggon or more get out together, it is our Intention you send a Guard of two or three Men with them - The Powder is to be delivered to Maj. Benj. Johnson of Frederick Town, each Waggon I suppose will carry 20 or 25 Barrels, a little better than a Ton Gross.

Capt. James Footell.

I am &c.

Sir In Council Annapolis 15th Apr 1777.

We have drawn the £1500. as you desire by your letter of Yesterday. The Officers in the Public Service drawing Cash from you or any where else but from the Treasury immediately, may be productive of Confusion; we therefore desire that you will not advance any considerable Sums in future, small Matters are not Objects and it may not be worth while to find down for Trifles; for Convenience therefore, small Sums immediately wanted, may be proper.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 16th April 1777

26. Your letter to the Governour is just now received. In our Instructions to Mr. Ward we inserted the following Clause "Mr. Jos. Stevenson, we understand has some Continental Powder in his Care, in the Neighbourhood of Baltimore Town to whom we have wrote on the Subject and there is in Baltimore Town as we have been told, though we do not know in whose Care, a Quantity of Continental Powder: You'll therefore enquire who in Baltimore Town has the Continental Powder in Possession, shew him the Resolution of Congress and the Part of your Instruction, which is intended as a particular Order to any Person having the Care of the Continental Stores, to remove them to Fort Mifflin. If the Powder has arrived in Capt. Martin yet remains in Town and Carriage cannot be immediately had for so large a Quantity, we direct the immediate Removal of such Part as is in the Magazine kept by Mr. Stevenson, of such Part as you can