

In Council 15th Jan^y 1778.

Sirs

No 43. We send you, by Jacob Hoover, two hundred Pounds, on Account of the Prisoners, which, we hope may last, 'til the Commissary of Prisoners shall get his Affairs in this State in a regular Train which we hope will be very soon. We shall be obliged to you to send us your Accounts of the Expenditure of the Money that the proper Charges may be made against the Continent. We shall send up to Frederick Town the Money to pay your Militia for the Accounts sent down, subject to your Order.

We are Sirs &c

Col^o John Stull.

In Council Annapolis 15th Jan^y 1778.

Sirs

No 44. We send you by Jacob Hoover £ 750. on Account of the Prisoners, and hope that the Commissary General of Prisoners will take Care, before that is expended, to make a full Provision - It will be well to make a full Representation of the Circumstances of the Prisoners to the Commissary and we request you to do it. We shall send the Money for the Militia to Frederick Town to be delivered to Col^o Stull or his Order.

Daniel Hughes Esq^r

We are Sirs &c

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Baltimore 19th Jan^y 1778.

No 45. Your Favor of the 12th Inst^t was delivered to me last Friday, I received a Letter also at the same Time, from Mess^{rs} Samuel & Robert Purveyance informing me that they had good Reason to believe that Mr Governore of Curacao was part Owner of the Sloop & Largoe, and that the Captain was retailing the Salt in very small Quantities at £ 15. pr Bushel and would not sell it to Ingrofers. Before the Receipt of your Letter, I had been advised by Mr Van Bibber, of the Arrival of this Vessel, that this was her third Voyage and that the Captain, in a former one, refused to sell in Gross and had retailed his Salt at a lower Price than he had been offered for it in large Quantities. The Council and myself thought it best that Inquiry should be made, as to the Property of the Vessel and Largoe and that, unless the Owners were real Enemies, a Purchase would be much more eligible than a Seizure, especially, as the Scarcity of Salt is not now so great as the Congress seems to have apprehended and I very willingly, came here with that View. The inclosed Affidavit and correspondent verbal Information from several of the trading Gentlemen in Town is the Result of my Inquiry. Mr Deakman is known to some of the trading Men here, and has, as I am informed by them and others, been