

In Council Annapolis Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1778.

This Moment two large Ships were discovered standing up the Bay  
and, from Appearances, at present, they are British Brigates destined higher  
up than this, most probably, Baltimore Town is their Object. In  
all Events we have thought it our Duty to give you the earliest  
Intelligence in our Power of their Movements and, at the same Time,  
request <sup>that</sup> you will make such Disposition of the Force under your  
Command as may be best calculated to defeat the Views of the  
Enemy.

We are Sir Y<sup>rs</sup>

Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith.

In Council Annapolis - Maryland Jan<sup>y</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Sir

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of  
the last inclosing your Account Current against this State, and are uneasy to  
find you under the Difficulties you mention, by being so considerably  
in Advance. By the Schooner Chance, you will find we have pur-  
chased of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nambibber and Crocket, one Half of that Nessel and Lard  
and refer you to Letters by her from those Gentlemen. You will receive  
this by the Schooner General Smallwood, Capt<sup>r</sup> Rogers, with the inclosed  
Invoice. The net Proceeds of this Lard & Nessel, for which we hope you  
will be able to get a good Price, is to be carried to the Credit of this  
State. We have in View some further Means of making you speedy  
Remittances. If the Schooner General Smallwood cannot be sold to  
advantage, we request you to send her back, ballasted with Salt.

We are Sirs Y<sup>rs</sup>

Mr Richard Harrison

In Council Annapolis Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Circular.

Sir

We desire you will forward, without Delay, the Cloathing you have  
procured for the Army, to Annapolis, and that you will continue  
your utmost Exertions in buying & collecting what farther may be  
in your Power.

We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

To the Collectors in Prince Georges,  
Charles, St. Mary's & Calvert Counties }

In Council Annapolis Jan<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Sir

You are requested to purchase for the Use of this State, all the  
Park you can possibly procure. Salt shall be sent you upon your  
informing us what Quantity you suppose may be necessary for  
that Purpose. You are not to exceed £5. <sup>th</sup> Hundred.

We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

Nathaniel Potter Esq<sup>r</sup>