

March 19th 1778.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

I herewith lay before you a Resignation of the Auditor of Accounts delivered to me in Council the nineteenth Day of N^o 122. last Month. The Council and I, hoping you would have Met, for afterwards agreeable to Adjournment, thought it most advisable not to appoint Auditors in their Stead, who could scarcely have proceeded to Business before the Appointment would have devolved on you. Many Accounts have been brought in and it is highly necessary for the Dispatch of ~~Public~~ Business and the Convenience of the Creditors of the Public, that you appoint a new Board as soon as well may be.

The House of Delegates

In Council 20th March 1778.

Sir,

123. We send Capt. Matthews to Cambridge for all the Public Goods which are lodged there: you'll therefore please to deliver them to the Captain and dispatch him as fast as possible.

We are Sir &c.

Mr. Robert Forstevens

In Council Annapolis 20th March 1778.

Sir,

124. We inclose your Excellency a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly requesting Congress to supply one hundred thousand Dollars for the purpose of purchasing Provisions for the Continental Army which we beg you will lay before Congress and, we flatter ourselves, that the Honorable Body will make the desired Provision - The Assembly are now on a Bill which we hope will be perfected Tomorrow, for immediately collecting what Provisions can be spared from this State on Certificates with or without Consent of the Proprietors and giving the Executive the necessary Powers to answer the Views of Congress, as to the Transportation of Provisions for the Use of the Army, but a speedy Remittance of Money to defray the Expences, will greatly facilitate the Business.

We have the Honor to be
your Excel^{ty}'s most
obed^t. Serv^t

The President in Congress.