

In Council Annapolis 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1778

Sir. In closed you'll receive a Warrant for the arresting of <sup>James</sup> Selghman's Sum<sup>n</sup> which you are desired to execute immediately.  
No. 128  
William Wright Esq<sup>r</sup> } We are &c.  
Sheriff of Queen Anne's Co<sup>ty</sup> }

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Sir  
129. We have an Expectation of having considerably more than £4000. offered for the Defence. We know it was the Idea of many of the Gentlemen of the Assembly that she ought to sell for at least £10000 and if she does not bring full that Sum, we think it would be better to freight her for Part of her Cargo, or to hold her in Partners<sup>hip</sup>. We should have chose one of the latter, but we are not at Liberty now the Assembly is sitting: we expect they will give Directions about her.  
Mr. Isaac Nantbibber. We are &c.

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Sir  
130. We inclose you a letter for the Governour of New Orleans which you'll seal and, if you see proper, deliver to him. You are sufficiently acquainted with our Wants of Musquets, Blankets, Cloathing and Medecines for our Troops. If any Quantity of either of those Articles of, or through the Influence of the Governour, and a Prospect of getting them up the Ohio to Pittsburg, or to North Carolina or Virginia should open, and the Price at New Orleans will justify the Risk and Expences, we request you'll contract for this Mate, gaining as long a Credit as you can. The best Chance for a Remittance within the Time of your Contract, would be in Flower to the Havannah and perhaps suit the Spanish Government very well. If you should be so fortunate to have it in your Power to contract in a large Extent, to your Satisfaction, we could wish you to purchase as far as 5000 Stand of Arms, as many Blankets, Cloth for 3 or 5000 Suits for Soldiers 2000<sup>lb</sup> of Jesuits Bark and 150<sup>lb</sup> Spanish Flies, but, if any Thing like so considerable, the Risk must be divided. We wish you an agreeable and useful Tour and are with great Truth and Regard Sir &c.  
W. Samuel Hughes.