

In Council 4<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

We last Night received Mr. Waters' Resignation or rather Refusal to act as Purchaser of Provisions in Montgomery County under the late Act, and we inclose you an Appointment and send you by Capt. Griffith, two thousand Dollars to go on with. It is essential to the Service that we should be regularly furnished with a Monthly Return of your Purchases, agreeable to the Act, and we request you will specify in it the Place to which you collect the Provisions. If you should get any barrell'd Pork or Beef, you will be careful to have it examined and, if there is any Doubt of its Keeping, you must, by all Means, have it put into proper Order and, if necessary, Salt added.

We are &c.

Capt. Robert Owing  
Montgomery County }

Annapolis in Maryland 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1778.

In Council.

126. Sir: Expecting that Mr. Joshua Johnson of London has removed to France, we have empowered him to apply for a Loan of Cloathing &c. for the Use of this State, and have taken the Freedom, on the Uncertainty of his being there, to give the like Power, in case of his Absence to such Person as you may nominate, hoping that you will take the Trouble of appointing a proper Person, if it should be necessary. Mr. Sarmichall, we hear, has left France, or else we should have desired his Attention, eventually, to this Business. The Desire we have, to get the Arms and Cloathing and our not knowing in what other Channel to put this Matter, with a Hope of Success will, we flatter ourselves, be a sufficient Apology to you for this Request. We have the Honor to be with the greatest

Esteem  
Sir &c.

Doctor Franklin, or the  
Commissioner from Congress at Paris.

In Council Annapolis 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1778.

127. Sir: We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of our General Assembly and a Power indorsed thereon for your obtaining Military Stores and Cloathing on the Credit and for the Use of this State. If you can get the Loan of Money on a tolerable Interest, it seems to us, much more eligible that you should do so than to obtain a Credit for the Things themselves, as you may, as having Cash in Hand, command the Articles of the best Quality and on the cheapest Terms, but a Credit either Way for these Necessaries, is very desirable. We are advised the Cloathing had better be of the same Cloth worn