

In Council 11th May 1778.

193. Sir. One John Pennington of your County was taken up as a Vagrant by Stanley Cook and John McKeel and brought hither in the Gally. There is no Adjudication of his being a Vagrant transmitted with him and the Man disowns that he is a Person of that Character or that he has been before any Officers. We request you Sir to make Inquiry into the Matter, that Pennington may be sent back if he has not been already adjudged, and have the Hearing that the Law and Justice require, or if he has been adjudged, that the proper Certificate may be returned. We are Sir
Yours
Genl Hooper.

In Council 12th May 1778.

194. Sir. We inclose you an Order for the impressing of Waggons; it is much our Wish that this Burthen should be so divided as to interfere as little as possible with Cultivation. As to the Difficulty about Flower Larks, we cannot so easily remove it. Giving Exemptions, where we have the Power, sets up invidious Distinctions and makes the Burthen the greater on others: we have therefore been very sparing in the Exercise of that Power, and had rather the Price of Larks should, if necessary, be increased. Every industrious Tradesman is wanted at Home, and a Pursuit of the Principle of Exemptions will lead us too far. We are Sir
Richard Dallam Esq^r

In Council 13th May 1778.

195. Sir. We are much obliged to you for your Attention and Care in transmitting the 30,000 Dollars sent by Mr. Henry from Congress. The Money is lodged in our Treasury and we have settled with the Express, and are Sir
David Stewart Esq^r }
Ball's Tavern - }

Circular.

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1778.

196. Sir. It is with Pleasure we request you will not make any further Purchases of Cloathing for the Troops under your present Instructions, excepting Hats. We have lately engaged a considerable Quantity of Linen of Mr. Morris and are empowered to appropriate some of the belonging to the Congress to the Use of our Quarters; with those Additions we shall be able to furnish our Men tolerably well; any that you may have on Hand, we wish you to send forward as formerly directed or, if wanted by the Recruits or Substitutes of your County, deliver to the Officers for their Use. Be so obliging also as to transmit an Account of your Purchase and your Disposition of the Cloathing, that we may have the General Account made up as soon as may be. We are Sir
To the Purchasers of Cloathing.