

In Council Annapolis 17th June 1778

Sir

N^o 258.

John Drummond complains that Capt Samuel Griffiths enlisted his son who is only fourteen Years old next Valentines Day. He says his son is a very weakly Lad and subject to Fits, and that he was carried away without being passed by a Field Officer. Lads under 16 Years old ought not to be enlisted without the Consent of their Parents. We wish you to enquire into this Matter and, if the Boy is under 16, we request you to discharge him, on his paying the Money he has received back to you, for which you'll give Credit. If Griffiths has not been paid the £6, he ought not to receive it and, if he has received it, he ought to return it.

Col^o Mordecai Gist.

We are &c

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Sir

259.

This (Copy of the Letter of the 3^d Ap^l 1778) is the fifth Copy of the foregoing; we hope some of the former have reached you. It is not unlikely that the Change in our Affairs may enable you to ship the Goods on a reasonable Freight in several Vessels to this Bay, insured if you can, it is the most desirable, but, by all Means, divide the Articles, so that some of each may be in several Bottoms.

M^r Joshua Johnson

We are &c

Circular

In Council 20th June 1778.

Sir

260.

We inclose you our Regulation of the Prices of Provisions. In the Power given us by the late Act, we have made the Advances of the Prices to the Inhabitants only under the Idea that they were obliged to part from their Provisions at the limited Prices. If Purchases have been made by you out of the State or Provisions have been brought in with a View to sell to you at the Prices allowed, as in such Instances the Profit was the Motive to the Contract and the Compulsory Provisions of the Act could not in any Degree have influenced the Seller, we do not intend there should be any Addition to the Price you agreed for. Wherever the Addition ought to be made, we wish you to do it soon, that the same Justice as is due may be done to all and the whole settled as soon as may be. Hoping and believing there is no immediate Occasion for further Purchases, we request you will not make any without further Orders from us, but as there will probably be great Quantities wanted for salting in the Fall, it will be well to give the People Notice that they may increase their Quantities, especially of Pork, as much as they can and that proper Measures will be taken in Time, to give them an equal and generous Price. We are pressed by the Congress to send forward all Provisions collected in this State; any that may remain with you, we wish you to send to the Head of Elk, to Col^o Henry Willingworth.

Add to Harford-

But if you have any Demand from Col^o Willingworth