

In Council 11th Sept. 1770.

314. In consequence of Information that several People were exporting Provisions, contrary to the late Act of Assembly, we ordered several outward bound Vessels to be searched, in two of which are found, much more Bread and Flour than can be necessary for their Voyages: the Vessels are stopped and we should be glad if, as we suppose, the Duties of your Office necessarily detain you at the General Court, that you would appoint a proper Person to prosecute these Vessels immediately. If your Affairs will allow you to leave the General Court, we wish you to come over to prosecute these Vessels as well as to transact some other Public Business we want done against the Meeting of the General Court on this Shore.

Luther Martin Esq. }
Attorney General }

We are &c.

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315. Sir. We understand Col. Rawlings Men now on Guard at Fort Frederick, are subsisted on fresh Provisions. It must be not only more agreeable to them but conduce to their Health, to have a good Proportion of Salt Meat. We therefore request on Col. Rawlings Application, you'll deliver to his Order any of the Bacon you have purchased which you may yet have on Hand, taking Receipts therefor.

Col. Wm Beatty.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 11th Sept. 1770

316. Gent. Inclosed is a Copy of Col. Smith's Letter, by this Post. It is out of our Power to furnish the Maryland Troops with Blankets & Winter Cloathing, it ought to be done immediately, so far as they have not been already supplied. Our Inventions ought to be seconded. Mr. Chase wrote the Governour some Time ago since, that, from the Returns of the Leather General he had a sufficiency for 22,000 Men. Are any Troops more deserving than those from this State? If ours deserve well, pray have them cloathed, if not, let their Conduct be at once assigned as the cause of their being neglected. Be so obliging as to advise us if you can procure Cloathing for our Troops.