

Col. Sam. Smith, who is very attentive, wrote us some Time since that if the
County Money was placed in Camp, many of the Nine Months Men might
N^o 316 be engaged for 3 Years or the War; we wrote General Washington, requesting
he would grant an Order for Money for the Purpose; by his Answer, that
Money supplied by the Treasury is barely sufficient to pay the monthly
Abstracts and contingent Expences and, if the Military Chest could afford
it, he could not order the Advance without the special Order of Congress. —
The Object seems of consequence to us and is approved by General
Washington. Pray endeavour, by some Means or other to place 20,000
Dollars in General Smallwoods Hands for the Purpose of discharging the
State Bounty of 50 Dollars to the Drafts and Substitutes for 9 months
at Camp, who will enlist for 3 Years or during the War — We congratulate
you on Gen. Sullivan's Retreat which, in our Idea is a stroke
of Generalship attended with good Fortune —

Delegates from Maryland
in Congress

We are &c.

(Circular)

In Council Annapolis 12th Sept: 1770.

317. Sir. We yesterday received a Resolution of Congress, of which the inclosed
is a Copy. The Recommendations from the Eastern States, we expect, will
be laid before this Board and Permission obtained from hence
for the Landing Provisions agreeable to the Recommendation & Resolves
before any are suffered to be taken on Board and to prevent, as far
as may be any Frauds and at the same Time give the best Security to
those who are allowed to carry Provisions to the Eastern States against
Captures. We request you will indorse your Certificates of the Clearance
of such Vessels on the Permissions which are granted here, keeping
a Copy of such Permissions in your Office for your Justification.
To the Naval Officers. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 12th Sept: 1770.

310. Sir. Yours of the 9th last, reached us to Day. Our former Letter, we hope,
prevented your going on in Purchases for the Continent. We hoped that
there would be no Occasion for extraordinary Exertions to procure
Provisions for the Army and, from Col. Blane's Letter, which we received
this Day, we have the Satisfaction to find that the Quantity of Beef
purchased is abundant. Your very commendable Activity has greatly
obliged the Public and us and will be the strongest Inducement to
your further Exertions, if the Public should need your Assistance.
Daniel Jenifer Esq: We are &c.