

In Council 16th Dec^r 1770.

We inclose you a Complaint of one Peter Beaver against Andrew Bedle who he says acted as Assistant to you in procuring Waggon to go to North Carolina; he says that Bedle will neither pay him or give a Certificate; on this, the Governor wrote to Bedle as you'll see by the Indorsement. Beaver is down again and says that it was shewed to Bedle who refused to give him any satisfaction or write as desired; Beaver also shewed us the inclosed Account of Peter Linder and says Bedle treats him in the same Manner. If this Complaint is well founded Beaver and Linder we think, are very ill used and we wish them to be righted; wherefore we request you will make Inquiry into these Matters and, if due, give Redress, if in your Power or if Bedle has either misapplied the Things taken or will not give proper Certificate or the Money, we would have you refer these People to some Gentleman of the Law to bring Suits which is the only Way which occurs to us of punishing such perverse Conduct.

We are &c.

Col. Chas. Beatty, Lieut.
of Frederick County.

In Council Annapolis 16th Dec^r 1770.

Circular.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Act of our General Assembly to prevent distilling Grain into Spirits, by the last Clause of which, your Excell^y will see that it is to commence at the End of twenty Days after Proclamations shall be made by the Governor and Council that similar Laws have taken Place in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Delaware. The Demand for the Army, the great Scarcity in New England and the Badness of Crops in the neighbouring States, were Motives for passing this Act rather than an Apprehension of internal Want, though our Harvests have not this Year been so plentiful as usual; but the Prohibition in this State, from every Part of which Grain may be so easily transported to others, would by no Means answer the intended Purpose, unless at the same Time similar Prohibitions prevail in the neighbouring States, which we much wish; We therefore Sir, request the Favor of you to lay this Subject before the Legislature of your State and to give us the earliest Advice of the Result and, if any similar Act hath already, or should be passed, that you would oblige us with a Copy.

We are &c.

Governors, Henry, Rodney and

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