

In Council Annapolis 16th Decem: 1778.

MS 352. We inclose you a copy of the Resolution of our Assembly, making a present of 150[£] to each of the Maryland Officers in the Continental Service, and a copy of a clause of an Act directing us to remit Money for paying the forty Dollars Bounty to the nine Months Men who enlist for three years or during the War. It was late before this Resolution and Bill passed they having been finished the other Day, but the Resolution strongly shows the sense the Assembly have of the Services of the Officers. We shall send the Money with what Blankets we have and some other Cloathing to Philadelphia to be lodged in the Hands of our Delegates there, where we expect you will send a proper Person to receive it and from whence you will contrive to remove the Money and Cloathing in Safety.

Genl. Smallwood. —

We are Y^{rs}

In Council Annapolis 21st Dec: 1778.

Sir.

MS 353. We yesterday received your Letter of the 16th & 19th. Richard Murrow is now dispatched to you with about 55 Bushels of Salt marked R. for Col. Richardson, which we request you immediately to send to him, to the Mouth of Tuckahoe Creek, of which he pleased to send him Notice, and 60 Bushels of Salt for yourself, 30 of which is Country Salt, more than a Year old, for the first salting of the Pork, the rest Allum Salt for packing. Commodore Grason will go off tomorrow in one of the Gallies to take in the Staves which he will deliver to you in a few Days, with the necessary Casks; our Vessels being all out and detained longer than we expected has occasioned the Delay. We are sorry that you made any conditional Contracts, as by that Means we are subjected to give the highest Price for the Whole, that we may be compelled to make out our Quantity, for any, if we get from 30 to 50,000 from you it will do very well. We have been induced from Circumstances which have occurred since you let us to give Col. Richardson a Power to give as far as 30 Dollars, but we are confident, if it can be got for less, he will act with Discretion. Any Pork that is ready, you may send by Murrow.

Francis Baker.

We are Y^{rs}