

In Council Annapolis 20th Jan 1779

361. Col<sup>o</sup> Smith tells us that your Detachment went off before you were that you may probably not have been gone yet, no the Money for your Detachment. The Reason of troubling you with it was the Certainty of its being safe against Robbery, if, as we expected, you had went with your Detachment, and now you are like to go alone, we have directed Major Smith to order one of his Officers and a Sergeant to go with you to Philadelphia or Camp, as you may think proper. If you meet with any Officers at Philadelphia with whom you go in Company to Camp, we would have ours return; if not, take them with you to Camp or til you have good Company enough to secure you against a Robbery, which would very probably be attempted on any single Man, known to have a large Sum of Money.

Maj<sup>r</sup> John E. Howard }  
at Baltimore }

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362. Gen<sup>l</sup> We inclose you a copy of a Letter received the Day before Yesterday from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Morris and Whipple & of its Inclosure. M<sup>r</sup> Wadsworth's State of the Difficulties he is under in his Department is very alarming; we imagine it not improbable that he has laid before Congress or some Committee of it, a Calculation of what is necessary for the Subsistence of the Army til Harvest, and the Quantity on Hand, so that we may be at some Certainty of the Quantity wanted. We inclose you a Copy of our late Act to prevent Ingrossing, which you will see does not empower a Seizure of Grain in the Hands of any but Ingrossers, nor are the Powers left in the Hands of the Governor & Council, competent to force from the Possessors, any Flour or Grain, so that if the real State of the Commissary's Department requires any extraordinary Measures, the General Assembly only can provide the Remedy. At this Season, tired as the Members are with frequent and long Sessions, a Meeting will be very inconvenient, and nothing but Necessity can justify an immediate Call of the Assembly; we have therefore sent this Express, who we wish you to dispatch as soon as possible, and request you'll give us all the Information you can on the Subject, which will determine us, as to calling the Assembly to meet as soon as may be, or not. If, from the Situation of the Army, the Assembly must be called, it would be well the Committee on the Commissary's Department should apprise us of the Quantity expected from this State, for the Assembly will not probably introduce extraordinary Measures to obtain an indefinite Quantity. In the Resolution of Congress of the 5th Jan<sup>y</sup> ascertaining the Proportion of each State of the 15,000,000 of Dollars, sent us by the President, Maryland is set down at 1,700,000 - in the News Papers we see Maryland is set down at 1,500,000; which of these is the true Sum? - Pray furnish us with the Pay of the Officers &c in the Marine, the Pay, Rations & Allowances to the Officers of the Artillery, what Sloathing was allowed to the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates in the marching Regiments for 1778, excuse the Trouble and be so obliging as to give us an Answer to this Paragraph as soon as convenient

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Delegates in Congress }  
from Maryland }