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Resolved That the Commission and Council prepare and lay before the General Assembly a full and particular Estimated Expenses of the Civil and Military Establishments of this State and make out exact Lists of all Military and Naval Stores and of all Cloathing which may be on Hand belonging to this State.

In Council 29<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779

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Sir The above is a copy of the Resolution of the 13<sup>th</sup> of December last of the General Assembly. The Accounts of all Expenses of the Civil and Military Establishments of this State being kept by you, it is in your Power only to make the best and most particular Estimate of them: We, therefore request you will furnish us, as soon as it can well be done, with the actual Expense of the Year 1778 under the Heads of, The Civil Establishment, The Marine, the Matrops and the Militia, and of general Charges, which may not be standing Expenses but occasional, or any other more particular Heads, as you find convenient and think proper, remarking and adding the further Allowance, if any made, for the Year 1779. We are very desirous of being so exact and particular as to afford the Satisfaction desired

We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

Stephaniah Turner Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Auditor General — }

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779

Sir Col<sup>o</sup> Smith proposed to part the Blankets you purchased for the State, under the care of some Men he has, going to Camp; he pleased to deliver them to him for that Purpose and direct them to M<sup>r</sup> John Randall our Agent there.

We are Y<sup>rs</sup>

James Calhoun Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Baltimore — }

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779

Gent. Your Letter of Yesterday by Maj<sup>r</sup> Smith, was laid before the Board this Morning. We are glad that so considerable a Body of the Merchants in Baltimore are determined on extraordinary Exertions for the Protection of the Trade and they may be assured that we shall cheerfully contribute every Thing in our Power to render them effectual. We cannot give the Direction or Officering of the State Vessels into the Hands of others, it is incompatible with our Duty, but we should be glad to have a conversation with any of you and some of the Officers who are proposed for the Service, on the Subject of the Letter, and flatter ourselves that the Matter may be conducted to the Satisfaction of every Body and with, at least, as much Despatch as on this Plan proposed

We are Gent<sup>l</sup> Y<sup>rs</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Saml. & Robt. Purviance & the other }  
Members of the Board subscribing the Letter }  
the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to Genl. Johnson }