

the chance of being on guard, they would receive them to work on their farms
on the Terms of giving Security in a reasonable Sum for producing the Provisions
whenever called for on. The great Loss to the Individuals and the Public is
N. 210. having our Farmers taken from Home for six or eight Weeks in the Summer
Season, induced us to empower the Lieutenant to enlist a Guard on a pretty
high Bounty, but we doubt the Success of it, and much wish that Capt.
Rawlings' Plan was adopted; besides the Advantages already hinted, it would
save the Consumption of a great Deal of Public Provision, which cannot be
procured at Fort Frederick without great Difficulty and Expence. We
shall be obliged to you for an Answer by Capt. Campbell, who is the
Bearer of this and are &c.

Board of War.

In Council Annapolis 10th April 1779

Sir. In Answer to yours of the 15th Inst. we think it will be much the
best for you to continue drawing the Money as you used to do.
415. What of the Wheat may be collected in Montgomery by Maj. Brooke
we wish also to be delivered to you and that the Whole may be manufac-
tured and sent forward as soon as possible; what can be sent to your
Mills conveniently, we would chuse to have ground up there. By
a Letter from Mr. Gov. Morris, they want from this State 2000 Bbls
of Flour by the first of May, 2000 more by the first of June & 3000
in that Month. By a Letter from Col. Hollingsworth of the 10th Regt.
he then had about 15000 Bushels of Barage stored at the Head of
Elk; he seems to be under strong Expectations that his Difficulties
are over about Barage. We are &c.

Capt. Thomas Richardson.

In Council Annapolis 19th April 1779

Sir. Capt. John Eccleston is now down on the Recruiting Service, he
purposes to have his Party chiefly at Cambridge; if there is no
Continental Spuing Sammisy there, and we suppose there is not, he
may be at a good Deal of Difficulty to get Provisions: to remedy
416. it as far as may be, we request you to purchase some Flour and
Meat, principally Bacon, and put it in a way to be delivered out
occasionally to Capt. Eccleston's Order, for the Subsistence of his
Party and Recruits. Pray be at the Trouble of Keeping an exact
Account of the Expence, as it may be charged, as it ought, to
the Continent. We are &c.

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