

In Council Annapolis 9<sup>th</sup> May 1779

N. 452. Sir. We send you by Mr. Judah, twenty thousand Pounds, towards ~~the~~ your  
 to discharge your contracts for Wheat &c. for the Continent; we expect  
 further Sum in a few Days. We shall be glad to hear how you go on  
 collecting and manufacturing what you have bought and request you will  
 immediately after the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. furnish us with an Account of your ~~Progress~~  
 up to that Time; mentioning where the Wheat &c. now is. We want it  
 all Expedition to be shipped in a Situation to be shipped off in Flour.  
 James Gavane. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> May 1779.

N. 453. Sir. We rec<sup>d</sup>. this Morning your Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nicholas Worthington & Mr.  
 Rawlings waited on us on the same Subject as that of your Letter. The Court  
 of Law can properly and only punish the Fact complained of and, as  
 the General Court sits Tomorrow, there will be an early Opportunity of a  
 full Enquiry. We are very sorry that any Excess should have been com-  
 mitted, but we fancy the Letter you inclosed paints the Transaction in  
 colours full of strong and attrilutes Designs to those who were concerned  
 which we hope they did not entertain. It may be of Service in preventing  
 an easy Credulity from receiving ill founded & mischevous Impressions  
 that some Gen<sup>l</sup>. of Weight in the Country would take the Trouble to  
 come down and coolly enquire into the Views and Designs of those  
 who have been concerned. We cannot but disapprove of any Degree  
 of Violence and shall forbid, by Proclamation, any Repetition of it, but  
 those who have engrossed or hold Quantities of Grain ought at the same  
 Time to be influenced by the Dictates of Humanity, and not drive the  
 Necessitous to Despair. We believe the ordinary Power is fully sufficient  
 to punish the past and that a little Moderation in those who have  
 to spare and our Efforts would prevent any Irregularity in Future.  
 Doct<sup>r</sup>. E. Howard. We are &c.

In Council 11<sup>th</sup> May 1779

N. 454. Sir. After having received the Inrollment of those of the Baltimore Matroses, which  
 appeared to us to correspond with that directed by the Convention, who had  
 petitioned for a Discharge; we imagined that we should have heard nothing  
 more on that Subject, especially as we understood that the Men did not  
 afterwards appear dissatisfied; but two of the Petitioners yesterday laid  
 before us their Affidavits as well as those of the other Petitioners, in all  
 of which they alledge their having engaged only for a Year. Desirous  
 of doing Justice, which can only be done by a thorough Investigation  
 of the Truth, it is necessary to examine you on Oath and for that Purpose  
 we request your Attendance as soon as well may be and that you permit  
 two, three or four of the Petitioners who may be agreeable to the others  
 to attend at the same Time. They also complain that there's a full Suit of  
 Cloathing besides a Pair of Breeches, due to them; bring with you  
 therefore, an Account of what Cloathing has been delivered, that we  
 may see what is due.  
 Maj<sup>r</sup>. Nath<sup>l</sup>. Smith. We are &c.