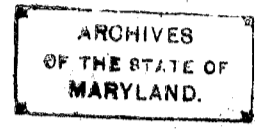


In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

N 150. Sir. The Hon^{ble} Gen^l. Morris, by Letter of the 21st Apt. desired, that the Flour purchased by this State for the Use of the Army should be lodged in Stores on the Waters of this Bay under Inspection of Officers appointed by this State, that it should be at the Order of the Chairman of the Congress of Congress on the Comm^{rs} & Quartermaster's Department. We have given Orders agreeable to Mr. Morris's Letter and suppose, from that, that Flour was not to be put into the Commissary's Hands. If it should be necessary to transport any of it to Christen, an Order must be had from the Committee, & if the Order is small, we can answer it with Flour which lies at the Mouth between the Head of Elk & Christen, which we desired to be left in the Situation 'til further Order.

Gustavus Neisberg }
 Dep^{ty} Comm. of Issues }

We are &c.



In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

400. Gent. Yesterday we rec^d your Secretary's Letter of the 5th Inst. inclosing the Resolution of Congress of the 3^d. The General Assembly have not given us any particular Powers, with Respect to the Cannon belonging to this State, but, presuming that they would, on this pressing Occasion, furnish Congress with such as are not in immediate Use, we shall venture to let you have any, not exceeding ten eighteen Pounders & five Nines, on the Terms proposed, of having the Cannon returned or to receive the full Value, at the Election of the Assembly; they all have Carriages & are at a good Landing on the Head of this River.

Board of War.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1779

461. Sir. We are glad to be able to inform you that the public Wants are not likely to be so pressing as to drive us to the Necessity of giving any further Advance on the Price; we believe the Quantity wanted, is nearly obtained. We have not yet had the Settlement of the Price of any Flour which belonged to the Purchasers, we are desirous of doing you Justice in the Price. We wish you to continue the Bread Letter, as we may use it in the Gallies. Mr. Driehly ought to be sued, if the Contract was in Writing, or Earnest paid. We would not have you purchase Mr. Smith's Flour nor be concerned with the very indifferent Wheat offered to you at £5. 10. Indeed the Wheat weighing only from 43. to 44. can be of very little Value and we do not want to be concerned with it.

Col^l Isaac Perkins.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 16th May 1779

402. Sir. We just now received the inclosed Information. If the British Fleet up the Bay, as seems likely, Balt^a. Town must certainly be a principal Object with them. We desire you'll immediately give Notice to the Militia of your County to hold themselves in Readiness to march on the shortest Notice, acquainting them of the Danger, and on your