

1250. We believe you may venture to close your Purchase immediately, as our Affairs are in such a Situation as to render our procuring the Quantity desired beyond a Doubt. We are &c.
Col. Thompson

In Council Annapolis 22^d May 1779

125. We are apprehensive a good Deal of the Park sent over by the general Smallwood, will be lost; great Care & Management will be necessary to preserve it; we request you will have what is left with you overhauled & put in the best Order possible. It is uncertain when we send for it, and if we could immediately, we should not be able, whilst Things are in their present Circumstances, to get People here to do the necessary Work to it
We are &c.

Col. W. M. Richardson.

In Council Annapolis 22^d May 1779

126. Sir. By a letter received from Mr. G. Harris he agrees that your Purchase before your Appointment under this State should be reckoned in Part of the 10,000 Barrels. He intimates that the Settlement for that Debt &c. will be left to us. We hourly expect that we shall receive Money to adjust your Affairs, being advised by Letters from our Delegates last Tuesday that it was obtained & would be sent as soon as possible under Guard. We would have the Wheat ground up as soon as may be and the Flour lie til further Orders. We believe the Quantity wanted is procured and would not have you make further Purchases. The six Hundred Barrels in Kent, we reckon in & hope that it will not be lost by Col. Henry's and your differing in Opinion about it. Would it not be well to send over some Body and have the Point settled?
We are &c.

Richard Dallam Esq.

In Council Annapolis 22th May 1779

127. Sir. We have ordered you by Mr. Bryan, 300^{lb} Lead & 500 Flint; we cannot well spare any Powder from hence, having sent away all but what may eventually be necessary, and, considering that Baltimore would be the first Object, we have sent our Arms thither except about 100 Stand which we have kept here; the second Object, doubtless, of the Enemy, which may secure us against an Attack by a small Force only. We see by your Return 10th March, you had 3 Half Barrels & 5 Quarter Casks of good Musquet Powder, 400 good Musquets; these, with the common Guns in the Hands of the People, we hope, will be fully sufficient against any little Parties which may land on your Shores and we cannot think its probable that you will have a more formidable Force to encounter
We are &c.

Henry M. Esq.