

In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779.

518. Sir We are not advised whether you have purchased any Wheat or Flour for the Use of the Continent under our Appointment or not (Your Situation is so distant from the Water that we have no Certainty about the Success of your Commission) If you have purchased any, let us know and where it lies, also furnish us with an Account of it that it may be fettered with you and carried into the General Account; if you have not purchased any, write us to that Purpose. Having procured the Quantity desired, we have stopped the Purchase and desire you'll consider your Commission under this State as ended
To the Purchasers in Washington, }
Frederick & St. Mary's Counties }

We are &c.

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519. Sir We are not advised whether you have purchased any Wheat or Flour for the Use of the Continent under our Appointment or not, From the Accounts we had of the Security of Wheat in your County, we formed no great Expectations of your Success in the Purchase of Wheat or Flour under your Appointment. If you have purchased any, let us know and where it lies, also furnish us with an Account of it, that it may be fettered with you and carried into the General Account. If you have not purchased any, write us to that Purpose. Having procured the Quantity desired, we have stopped the Purchase and desire you'll consider your Commission under this State as ended
To the Purchasers in Charles }
Halbert Counties }

We are &c.

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520. Sir We received yours of yesterday last Night, the Dolphin has just returned, she has been on board the Ships supposed to be British Men of War; they prove to be two French Ships of 20 Guns each from Cape Francois to Baltimore with Salt and other Merchandise: They had twelve Days Passage; they say the Fleet from old France for this Bay, may be hourly expected. Our Bay being now ^{certainly} clear of the Enemy, the Militia must be discharged of course. The Force assigned by the Genl. Assembly to be stationed at Baltimore, is all that we can keep there, under the present Circumstances. We are very much obliged by your Promptitude to repair hither on this Occasion and are very glad that you are so soon at Liberty to return
Genl. Gist.

We are &c.

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521. Sir The Dolphins Return has entirely quietted our Apprehensions with Regard to the Ships in the Bay, they prove to be two armed French men of 20 Guns each from Cape Francois for Baltimore with Salt & other Goods: they give Hopes that the Fleet for this Bay from old France will arrive very soon. Governor Henry's Letter and other Intelligence having ascertained us that the Bay is clear of the Enemy, the Militia if any collected, must, of course, be discharged. We request you'll advise us whether you have got, or are likely to get, the Arms &c. from Cecil, we have got Workmen employed on the Cartridge Boxes and shall prosecute it. Genl. Gist & Col. Smith both recommended Breeches as Signals, we wish them to be created.
Andrew Buchanan Esq. }
Shof Balt^o County }

We are &c.

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522. Sir Having certain Intelligence that the Enemy have left our Bay, we desire you will immediately have the Remainder of your Wheat brought down to the Mills and ground up and there stored until further Orders.
M. James Governor.

We are &c.

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523. Sir We are ascertained that the two Ships in the Bay supposed to be British Men of War, are French Merchantmen bound to Balt^o. Governor Henry's Letter & other Intelligence from below shew us there is no Enemy in the Bay. The Fleet expected from old France and now said by Genl. Gist to be much stronger than we had before understood, may be hourly expected according to the Accounts from these French Ships. Under these Impressions & as we cannot afford sending them to Balt^o and have ordered the Men back who were sent for their Removal we shall prosecute the Accountants til we get a Plenty for what Musquets we have spent in supplying of them to Balt^o.
Col. Paul Smith

We are &c.