

In Council Annapolis 18th June 1779

We have yet heard nothing farther of the Powder we offered to Congress, we have Opportunities frequently of selling it in as large Quantities as we chose to private People: the Day before Day we let near two thousand Weight go at 20^{cts}. but learning in conversation with the Plater the Congress are in Want of that Article, we have refused to part from any more; yet this Day Week, when we expect an Answer. Private People now sell at 55^{cts}. If the Powder is really wanted, we should be glad they would send some Body to receive it at Frederick Town some Day between next Friday and the Wednesday following, the Governor will be there for several Days and can give the necessary Orders concerning it. In the 9th. No Bids has yet been down for the Cannon, we are sorry that we made an Offer of five nine Pounders which we have not got; there were so many sent to Indian Landing with the Eighteen. The Assembly lent the nines to the Owners of the Duc bukin and they went out in her long ago. In the Returns of Stores in March, long after they had been taken away the Officer carelessly returned them as still there. We shall be obliged to you to mention both these Matters to the Board of War, the Mistake we were led into gives us Concern though we hope it may not produce any bad Consequences. The Assembly is to meet the 15th Day of next Month. Pray forward the inclosed to Col^o. Marbury, it is from his Wife.

We are &c

Delegates in Congress.

In Council Annapolis 19th June 1779

Sir. Hannan's Charge for the Tent Poles is high, he says it included the Iron Works and that we gave him formerly from 12/6. to 22/6. we are sorry that so many were bespoke & that the cheapest Workman was not sought & the Price agreed on. As Things are circumstanced, we do not see how we can, with Justice, stop the Payment of his Account & have therefore paid him. You mentioned that Mr. Calhoun would take what of the Poles we do not want, we wish to keep sufficient only for the Tents we have & that Mr. Calhoun, if he wants, would take the rest.

We are &c

Capt. Reports.

In Council Annapolis 30th June 1779

Sir. The Bearer Mr. Robert Swails, thinks it is in his Power to recruit Men in St. Mary's County and, for that Purpose solicits a Warrant from this Board. He brought a Letter from Col^o. Plater, but not a sufficient Recommendation to justify an Appointment. The Col^o. writes, he is not acquainted with his Character, he is equally a Stranger to us and as we are informed, well acquainted with you. We beg your Opinion of his Prospect and the Propriety of appointing him.

We are &c

Col^o. Forrest.

In Council Annapolis 1st July 1779

Sir. We have Occasion for a small Quantity of Bread & Flour for immediate Use and now send Capt. Steward in the Plater to Baltimore for 4 or 5000^{lbs} of Bread and 15 Barrels of Flour, 10 of First & 5 of Second. We request you will procure these Quantities of each Article or, if not the whole, as near as may be, without detaining Capt. Steward; Bags & empty Barrels are sent, to save you Trouble & avoid unnecessary Expence to the State.

We are &c

James Calhoun Esq^r

In Council Annapolis 5th July 1779

Capt. Capt. Bryan in the Dolphin came up yesterday for a Supply of Stores & Ammunition. Part of them, we shall be able to procure here; the Remainder, a List of which we have inclosed, we request the Favor of you to purchase.

We are &c

Barrel Flour, 500^{lbs} fine Bread 6 Hams of Bacon, 100^{lbs} Brown Sugar, 16^{lbs} Loaf S^u Green Tea, 1^{lb} Pepper, 5 Gall^{ons} Vinegar, 2 dead Lines, 30 Gall^{ons} Spirit for Officers, 2 Sh^{ells} Rum.
M^{rs} Ham. & Col^o. Purviance