

In Council Annapolis 6th October 1779.

Sir The Dolphin goes over for the 50 Barrels of Flour and the 10 or 12 of the old
N^o 623 Purchase; be pleased to order them to be delivered; the old Flour marked in such
a Manner that they may be distinguished on the first View, from the New.

William's Gonsley Esq^r

We are &c^a

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Sir We have just received a Resolution of Congress of the 2^d Instant recommending to the Govern-
or and Council of this State to permit as much Bread, Flour and Wheat to be exported
for the State of Virginia as the said State may want for its public supply. We have
620. also received a letter of the 5th Inst^t from Col. Saml. Griffin requesting that there might
be enclosed to you the necessary Powers for the Purpose, you being appointed Agent by
the Board of War of Virginia. There does not appear to us to be any Thing further
necessary to empower you to execute this Business, but to give Permission to the Par-
ticular Vessels to load the Bread and Flour which you may purchase for and send
to Virginia, which we shall grant on being made acquainted with the Description of the
Vessels you employ, the Names of the Captains and what they are to load with and
Bond and Security being given to deliver the Lading to the Board of War and produce
a Certificate here of its having been done, the Dangers of the Voyage excepted.

Col^o Saml. Smith.

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625. Mr Francis Lewis on the 27th Jan^y 1779. wrote the Governor from Baltimore
that he was on a Visit to his Family then there, that as a Member of the Marine
Board, he had been charged to inspect the fitting out of some Continental Vessels, of which
one was a new Vessel, fitting out for a Packet Boat, commanded by Tho^s Head Esq^r, that
she was pierced for 12 Guns, 24 Pound^{ers} and, as no such Cannon could be procured at Balt^e
he was induced to apply to the Governor for 10 Pieces of Cannon for that Purpose &c^a, if the
Cannon can be spared, please to let me know the Terms on Behalf of the State & upon
the Receipt of your Answer, I shall return to Congress and repeat the same. We wrote
him 11th Feb^r that we had six 24 Pound^{ers} which belonged to the Defence, we believed very
good & their Carriages complete, that the Congress might have them with their Carriages for
the Price such would sell for at Balt^e of which we presumed, he might be easily ascer-
tained; that we had no other 24 Pound^{ers} that we could spare with Convenience, that
we had some Guns made at Dorveys Works for fours, but they carried a Shot of 5 lb
and upwards, perhaps we could make out the Number with them, if we can, the
Congress may have four of them, but that it was likely they were too heavy for the
Purpose. Capt^l Head afterwards passed us this Receipt "Received of the State of
Maryland for the Use of the Baltimore Packet belonging to Congress, two short three
Pounders with their Carriages, which were sent to Baltimore by the Governor and
also four short three Pounders Apr^l 10th 79. Tho^s Head. The six three Pounders
with their Carriages first mentioned in the Rec^t had been sent to Balt^e in consequence
of a Letter from the Marine Committee, dated York Town 15th March 79. in which
the Committee agreed to the Terms proposed in our Letter to Mr Lewis of the 11th
Feb^r preceding; so that we had no Idea of our having any Thing further to do
with the Guns. We received a Letter from Mess^{rs} Morris, Nesbit & Co concerning
the Marine Committee, these Letters may easily be recurred to if the Publick should
must depend on the Contract between the Committee & those Gentlemen, if they
have no claim to them, they belonged to the Congress

Delegates in Congress.

We are &c^a