

W<sup>d</sup> Dallam

In Council Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779

636. Sir  
If you can exchange the Salt you have in your Hands belonging to the State or Continent for Wheat, Allum Salt, one Bushel for three of Wheat, or imported Salt, 1 Bushel for 2 1/2 of Wheat, Country Salt, 1 Bushel for 2 of Wheat, we think it advantageous for the Service and desire you'll do it.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam Esq<sup>r</sup>

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637. Sir  
We inclose you a Permit for the Schooner Willing. Maid, as you desire; we cannot with any Propriety give a general Permission. Col<sup>o</sup> Griffin, as he passed through this Place, before the Recommendation of Congress, delivered us Letters from the Lieut. Governour and Board of War of Virginia, requesting they might purchase and export for their State Use, about 5000 Barr<sup>ls</sup> of Powder: our prohibitory Act not leaving us the Power, and Col<sup>o</sup> Griffin agreeing that about 2000 Barr<sup>ls</sup> would be sufficient, til after the Meeting of our Assembly, the Governour wrote to our Delegates in Congress, desiring they would procure a Recommendation of Congress to enable us to permit about that Quantity to be purchased and exported. The Recommendation of Congress stands indefinite; we do not know what Quantity you are desired to purchase, but we cannot consider ourselves at Liberty to permit more than the 2000 Barr<sup>ls</sup>, unless the Assembly, on its Meeting should enlarge the Quantity, which we think they probably will, on any reasonable Satisfaction being given to them that more is necessary. The Difficulty of setting a Law for the Army and the French, makes us desirous and we hope will make the Assembly desirous that there should be as few rival Purchasers as possible.

We are &c.

Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel Smith.

In Council Annapolis 24<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779.

638. Sir  
We have inclosed you a Letter to His Excell<sup>ty</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington, requesting that a fourth Company of Artillery may be formed of the three we have at Camp, to be commanded by a Major; there are Men enough for it & still to spare will give an Opportunity of gratifying the Officers of Brown's & Dorsey's Companies, who complain, with, at least, a Shew of Reason, and we shall then keep our own Men together. We request the Favor of you to deliver the Letter at a proper Time and, as far as you may think it right, join your Request to the General.

We are &c.

Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood.