

N^o 600.

not received the List mentioned to have been furnished to Major Genl. Hill
 Det^l 26; we could wish, if the List has been transmitted to your Board, that the
 officers entitled to Promotion may have their Commissions. We approve M^r
 Samuel Hamilton and appoint him an Ensign in the Fifth Maryland Regiment
 and desire his Commission may issue. Lieut Col^l Thomas Woolford of the 2^d
 Maryland Regiment writes the 12th Inst. "Capt Lieut Benjamin Price, from the
 Resignation of Capt Wright, who resigned the first of July 79, is entitled to a
 full Captaincy, and Lieut John Gasaway from the same Date, entitled to Capt
 Lieut and Ensign William Woolford with the Rank of second Lieut, entitled
 to a first Lieutenancy from the Resignation of Lieut John Read, who
 resigned 11th Apr^l 1779"; be pleased to issue the Commissions accordingly. Col^l
 Woolford also in another Letter recommends M^r Sedekiah Moore as
 Ensign in the Second Maryland Regiment; we approve & appoint him.

General Gist has recommended Thomas Boyd Son of Abraham for
 an Ensigny in the Second Maryland Regiment, we approve and appoint
 him and request his Commission to issue. General Smallwood mentions
 that Edmond Compton has acted for some Time by Brevet as Ensign
 in the first Maryland Regiment, we approve and appoint him an Ensign
 in that Regiment and request he may be commissioned. We are apprehensive
 the only Way to settle the Rank in these new Appointments,
 will be to leave it to the Officers of the Division or with the General
 commanding it and we wish it to be so if it can be done with Propriety

Board of War.

We are &c.

Council Annapolis 20th Oct^r 1779

Sir

We yesterday received your Letters of the 20th and send you by Mr John
 Smith the Bearer of them £ 40,000. which is within £ 20. of the whole
 in the Continental Treasury and ours is not at present able to assist it.

We see the destructive Tendency of making Contracts to be settled by the
 Rise of the Market and, preping as the Occasion is for Flour, will risk every
 thing rather than concur in such ruinous Measures and therefore request
 you'll make no further Engagements on which the Price is to depend at all
 on any future Contingency. The Assembly may probably take up this Matter
 next Week and if it is suffered to go on without any Restraint on Affairs
 we had rather the Evil should be continued as well as begun by any
 Body, other than those of our Appointment; nor are we anxious for your
 extending your Purchase of Wheat (as you have enough to keep the Mills
 going for a while) at the exorbitant Price, 'til we see whether any Thing is
 done by the Assembly. W. Giles wrote for a Licence and it would have
 been sent him, if he had enclosed his Appointment, but for want of
 it, the Licence could not issue. The Wheat you have, you'll have
 ground and forward to the Army, with all Expedition

Richard Dallam Esq^r

We are &c.