

In Council Annapolis 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1779

Sir. We have been disappointed, in getting the Number of Shavers we had Reason to expect when we wrote you last; you are therefore desired to dispatch the Cloathing with the utmost Expedition  
We are &c.  
Capt. George J. Heiparts.

In Council Annapolis 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1779

Circular  
Gentlemen.

34. The General Assembly reposing the most entire Confidence in your Integrity, Patriotic Zeal and Attachment to the common Cause, have appointed you Commissioner for — County, to carry into Execution the "Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army". The enclosed Copy of his Excellency General Washington's Letter, manifests, in the strongest Terms, the great Distress of the Army, and the urgent Necessity of your most vigorous Exertions to procure and forward a sufficient Supply of Flour and the other Articles enumerated in the Act. Your own Discernment is sufficient to point out the manifold Evils that would result from so calamitous an Event as the Disbanding the Army, and will suggest to you that the Happiness of yourselves and Posterity, may depend on your Diligence and Activity in executing the Law, and your Endeavours to dispose the People of your County, not only to acquiesce in, but further the Measures of the General Assembly in attaining so desirable an Object as the immediate Supply of our Army with Flour and other Necessaries. You may rely on our Assistance, to remove every Obstacle that might impede, or render a full and speedy Execution of this Law, difficult. The Copy, herewith sent, is sufficient, without particular Instructions from us, to direct you how the Business entrusted to your Care and Management, is to be conducted. We expect you will make Returns to us, every Fortnight, of the Quantity of Flour and other Articles obtained in consequence of the Law. We advise you, in granting Certificates to consult the Case and Convenience of the Person entitled, by giving Certificates for small Sums, if required. The Copy of the General's Letter is just as the most authentic and indisputable Proof of the Truth of the Grounds of the Law merely for your Information and not to be communicated to any Person, unless you think it will facilitate the Execution of the Law in particular Cases and induce a more cheerful Compliance. We have enclosed you Certificates and a few Copies of the Proclamation.

To the Commissioners of the different Counties.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1779

Sir Circular,

35. We have enclosed you four Proclamations, which you are, immediately on Receipt of this Letter, to read, publish and make known, or cause to be read, published and made known, by yourself and Deputies to the Inhabitants of your County, at the most public Places thereof.  
To the Sheriffs of the different Counties. }

We are &c.