

58. or his Excellency General Washington: that the Army has a full Supply of Flour
we shall order the Commissioners to restore such a Part of the Wheat and Flour
purchased by the French Agents, as will make up the Quantity he was allowed to
buy: until then we have no Authority to dispense with the Law, or suspend the
Operation of it, in any other Manner than that we have mentioned. We hope the
Enumeration of these Facts and the Reasons and Observations suggested by us,
will be deemed satisfactory, and induce your Excellency to think with us, that
nothing incompatible with the combined Interest of France and America
has been done or intended to be done by the General Assembly or the Executive
of this State. No Inconvenience hath, as yet arisen from the Law, the Navi-
gation of the Bay and Rivers having been, ever since, obstructed by the Ice, and
will, most probably continue so for some Time: in the mean Time, we most
ardently desire to have the Pleasure to inform your Excellency, we have received
such Assurances as will enable us to comply with your Request.

His Excellency
The Chevalier

We are &c.

De la Luzerne Minist. ^{le} Pénipso.

In Council Annapolis 26th Jan^y 1780

59. Sir
Your Letter of the 29th Dec^r came to Hand. We have sent you £10,000 by
M^r Sheparts to enable you to recruit the Men, whose Times will shortly
expire. The Bounty, in Money, allowed by this State, exclusive of the Continental,
is 250 Dollars to each Recruit, and we suppose, the Sum sent will be sufficient
for the present; if it should not, be pleased to inform us, what you apprehend
will be adequate to that Purpose, and we shall take Care to have it forwarded
by the earliest Opportunity. We are about appointing Sergeants to be commissioned,
recommended from the first Brigade. If you have any in your Brigade, that you
can recommend and would wish to be commissioned, please to inform us, that
we may appoint them. Enclosed is the recruiting Act passed the last Session.

General Gist

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is the recruiting Act, passed the last Session. The Sergeants recommended
by you in your Letter to Col^o Forrest, are appointed according to the Pre-
vailing Act.

Col^o John Gunby

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 26th Jan^y 1780

61. Sir
M^r Sheparts sets off tomorrow from Baltimore Town, with four Chests
for the Army: he has £30,000 for you, Part of the £50,000, which
will enable you to answer all immediate Demands. We should have sent
the whole by this Opportunity, but our Treasury is almost empty, and it
is all we can, now spare; we expect to have it in our Power
with more, in a short Time. We have requested M^r Sheparts to be
paid