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In Council Annapolis 3^d Feb. 4 1780

Sir

N^o 69. We received yours of the 31st Jan^y and refer you to our last Letter. We are sensible of the pernicious Tendency of Mr. Eobug's Conduct and think it worthy the censure of every good Whig and Friend to the Army and we make no Doubt but a strict Adherence to the Law and vigorous Execution of the Powers communicated to you thereby, will enable you to defeat the sinister Views and selfish Schemes of Persons whose Interest will prompt them to throw Obstacles in your Way because their Profits are diminished in Proportion to the Quantity of Flour and Wheat collected by you. The Continental Purchasers and French Agents have no Right to act after the first Month without taking a particular Oath and receiving a Licence from us. You must seize all the Flour and Wheat purchased by the French Agents and others pretending to act as such. You must seize all the Flour and Wheat in the Possession of the Continental Purchasers and others, in the Manner the Law directs and send it forward. As to the Flour purchased for the French, you must pursue our former Instructions. We have delivered blank Certificates to Mr. Cole which are to be filled up, according to the Circumstances of the Case, and signed and countersigned as the Law directs.

We are &c

Sam^l Gilkin Esq^r one of the
Comm^{rs} for Cecil County

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70. We have given Permission to Mrs. Chamier, Widow of Dan^l Chamier Esq^r deceased, to bring her Household Furniture, Wearing Apparel and other Goods mentioned in a List annexed thereto, from New York to Hampton Road in Virginia. We are induced from Statutes of Compassion and the generous Conduct of her late Husband, to many of our Prisoners, to grant her Leave, and to solicit your Excellency's Interposition to obtain her the desired Indulgence, if you esteem it consistent with Propriety.

His Excellency

General Washington.

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 11th Feb. 4 1780

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71. We received your Letters and shall write to you fully on the several Matters referred to us, by the next Opportunity. You must furnish Mr. Dannelan, the Assistant Inspecting Commissary, with sufficient to support the Continental Troops in Baltimore Town, from Time to Time, and keep an Account of what you deliver to him. You must get as many Copies of the enclosed Certificate printed, as will answer your Purpose, to pay the Rent of Warehouses, Hire of Waggon &c &c. You will send the Flour we wrote for, as soon as possible to the Comm^{rs} for Baltimore Town.

We are &c

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72. We are informed by Col^l Rawlings, that the Company you ordered to Post Frederick, as a Guard to Prisoners, marched as far as Church Town on their Way, where he met them, and having Reason to believe that the Prisoners would not arrive at Post Frederick during the Term of