

In Council Annapolis 16th Feb^y 1780

Gentlemen.

1782.

We have not had Leisure, before now, to attend to the General Matters mentioned in the Letters received from you. We cannot advise you to assume a Power of pressing Waggons in the adjacent Counties. It will be proper to have the Wheat taken from the French Agent, ground up and to take an account of the Quantity of Flour produced by it and the Expence incurred in manufacturing it. Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County for five Thousand Pounds which we hope, will fully answer your Purposes.

The Committee for Baltimore Town.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 16th Feb^y 1780

Sir.

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We request you to furnish us, by the first Opportunity, with a particular Account of the Bread Flour and Wheat exported by Mr. William Smith Agent for the Marine of France and by Mr. Samuel Smith, Agent for the Virginia Board of War, since the first Day of April last.

We are &c.

Thomas Sollers Esq^r
Naval Officer Baltimore }

In Council Annapolis 10th Feb^y 1780

Gentlemen.

84.

We are informed that the Congress resolved, some Time in November last, that the Officers in the American Army should be furnished with sundry Articles of Cloathing, as a Gratuity for their Services, and that the Species were enumerated. That Resolue has not yet been transmitted to us. We request the Favor of you to procure and forward it and at the same Time, beg Leave to apply through you, to Congress, for Permission to supply the Officers of our ~~Line~~ the Maryland Line, provided we may be allowed to draw from the Continental Treasury of this State, to reimburse the Money that may be expended in the Purchase of them.

The Delegates from Maryland
in Congress.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 10th Feb^y 1780

Sir.

85.

We shall embrace the next Opportunity of answering your Letters of the 20th of Jan^y and 9th of Feb^y and in the mean Time remain with due Consideration &c.

Manf^d Holker

In Council Annapolis 18th Feb^y 1780

Sir.

It is with deep Concern we find that the Measures adopted by this State to obtain an immediate Supply to relieve the extreme Distresses of the Continental Army, have occasioned such Uneasiness to your Excellency and created even the Appearance of a Doubt of our firm Attachment to the Alliance. We think with you that it is the incumbent Duty of this State to exert themselves in the same Degree for the Preservation of the Fleets of France as the American Army, and can, with Confidence assure you that if your Fleets had been in the same Distress, Steps equally vigorous and