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In Council Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Hollingsworth has informed this board that you have in your Hands a Quantity of Flour &c. belonging to the Public which you have refused to deliver, until you are paid for what has been delivered. The Assembly passed an Act, the last Session, to enable M<sup>r</sup> Wiedershandt as a public Agent, in a Degree to satisfy his Creditors but whether the Measure will sufficiently answer your Purpose or comprehend your Case, we know not; however as you are a good Whig and must have the common Cause at Heart, we trust that any Argument in Favor of an immediate Delivery of all the public Provisions in your Hands, would be unnecessary and superfluous, after informing you that the Army is now and has been for some Time past greatly distressed for every Species of Provisions and that we are ready, now and shall be on all future Occasions, to do every Thing in our Power to lessen the Inconveniencies which have unavoidably attended the public Purchasers in performing their Contracts. Our Treasury is entirely drained at present, but we have Reason to expect it will be replenished ere long; then we shall with Pleasure furnish M<sup>r</sup> Wiedershandt with Money agreeable to the Warrant in his Favor, after deducting such Sums as he is enabled to draw for, on the Collectors. The Army must be furnished with Bread therefore we hope you will not detain the Flour and oblige us, against our Inclination, to exert the Powers with which we are invested by the Assembly, for this Purpose. We are &c.

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294. Sir. In consequence of the Resolutions of Congress, Letters from your Excellency and the Committee of Cooperation, relative to Men, Money and Supplies of Provisions, Horses and Waggons allotted to be furnished by this State, the General Assembly, impressed with an adequate Idea of the Wants of the Army and the indispensable Necessity of providing in the most ample Manner for their Relief, feeling the Difficulties that surround and embarrass your Excellency, and impelled by that patriotic Zeal and Love of Independence which have actuated their Conduct upon every trying Emergency, and anxiously solicitous to free you from your peculiarly distressing Situation and to enable you to concert and execute a proper Plan of Operations have passed the following Laws, "An Act to procure Recruits &c.", "A Supplement to the Act to procure Recruits &c.", "An Act to expedite"