

Circular. In Council Annapolis 26th July 1700

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Sir We desire you will have the Soldiers who may be delivered to you in Virtue of the Act to procure Recruits to complete the Battalions of this State in the Service of the United States and to raise an additional Battalion, the Supplement thereto, and the Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars, immediately marched to Chester Town, where Cloaths and Provisions will be furnished them by Officers who will be in Readiness to receive them
we are &c

To the Lieutenants of the several Counties,
NB those on the W. Shore are directed to send the Recruits to Annapolis

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Sir We received your favor of the 21th Inst^h and, after considering the Requisition of the Minister of France and the Act of Congress of the 17th founded thereon, requesting us to grant Permission to the Agent of the Minister of France to purchase within this State and export three thousand Barrels of Flour to some of the Spanish Colonies for the Use of his Catholice Majesty, have determined to give you Permission to purchase and export that Quantity for the Uses aforesaid and in the Manner the Minister shall direct. We esteem our present Situation delicate and embarrassing; willing and desirous to grant the Supplies necessary to carry on the military Operations here and in the West Indies and to render our Assistance to facilitate the Procurement of them, and at the same Time anxiously solicitous to comply with prior Engagements, and to avoid every Thing that may have the least Tendency to obstruct the Execution of Laws formed for the professed Purpose of obtaining Provisions and to prevent a Competition highly detrimental to the Interest of the States in affording an Opportunity to the Avaricious and Designing to make the most unreasonable and exorbitant Demands for Provisions; We do request and desire you to use every Precaution in your Power to obviate the mischievous Consequences pointed out, and that might otherwise flow from this Permission. We expect, in making your Purchases, you will not interfere with the State Commissaries or exceed the Prices to which they are limited, 60 Dollars a Trough for Wheat and 60 or a Hundred for Flour, and that you will not buy of any Person who has purchased with a View of deriving an Advantage by selling it again, for as this extraordinary Demand and the Allowance for the same to be exported it must be known, we do not hesitate to say we are from Experience