

or main Army, and reducing the Number of Regiments in the Maryland Line, we did not think it necessary to consider the Propriety of them, but have submitted those Subjects to the Consideration of Congress. We are &c.
Delegates in Congress.

Council Annapolis 20th July 1700

324. Sir. This Board had made an Appointment of Officers to the Regiment Extraordinary to be raised by this State, before the Receipt of your Letter of the 20th, which did not reach us til this Day by Post. If you will be pleased to inform us in what Manner the Vacancy arose in your Battalion, whether by Death, Resignation, or Refusal to act, and the Name of the Captain whose Place you have is to fill, the Commission shall be immediately made out, agreeable to your Request. We are &c.

Col. Thomas Gift.

Council Annapolis 20th July 1700

325. Gent. We have enclosed you the Letter we have wrote to our Delegates in Congress, on the Subject of the Distresses of our Trade, for your Perusal, which we request you to seal and send forward. We are &c.
Merchants in Baltimore.

Council Annapolis 20th July 1700

326. Sir. We had the Honor to receive your Excellency's Letter of the 10th Inst. with the Act of Congress recommending to this State to grant Permission to your Agent to purchase and export to the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies 3000 Barrels of Flour for the Use of his Catholic Majesty, and have, in Conformity thereto, given License to W. William Smith of Baltimore Town, to purchase and export that Quantity, in the Manner your Ex. shall direct; and, to avoid the Inconveniencies and Disadvantages that would result from a Competition between our Commissaries and Mr. Smith we have desired the latter not to interfere with the former, not to exceed the Prices stipulated by the General Assembly, to be given by the Commissaries, and not to buy of those Persons whose unbounded Avidity and insatiate Love of Gain, might prompt them to engross all the Wheat and Flour that can be procured, with the Design of exacting the most exorbitant Prices from the public Purchase, and to use every other Precaution to prevent the Enhancement of these Prices. Our Desire to promote the Military Operations in the West Indies and to comply with the Requisitions of Congress for Supplies will induce us to render every necessary Assistance to Mr. Smith to