

In Council Annapolis 29th July 1700

Yours of the 22^d is received. We have directed the Comptrolers in the several Counties of this State, not to give more than 22-10-0 for Wheat by 10-0 for wheat & Flour 6s. for Bacon and 1⁰⁰ Dollars for Pork and we would not have you exceed those Prices. As there are such plentiful Crops of Wheat made, we expect to get a sufficient at the Prices above mentioned and we have not given more than the Sum for Bacon and Pork and delivered at the Head of Elk. The Assembly have given us a discretionary Power of Seizing Provisions, which we shall certainly exercise, if sufficient cannot be obtained by Purchase. It is out of our Power to furnish you with any Money from the Treasury but have sent you an Order on the Collector of the Tax for 6000^l which we hope will answer the Purpose. We are &c.

John Laile Barrison Esq^r

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332. Sir. The Want of our Treasury hinders us from sending you any Money and, as the Collector of your County has made up his Accounts and no Prospect of your getting any from him, you must endeavour to make your future Purchases in Tobacco, until we shall be able to give Orders for more Money. The Horses and Waggoners you have already purchased you will have particular Care taken of, and not to hire Waggoners for them until you receive Orders for their being sent forward. We cannot say any Thing respecting your enlisting the Waggoners as Part of our Quota, the Law not authorizing us. As to the Time for which Waggoners are to be hired, you will receive further Information, at the Time you will have Orders for their being sent to the Army.

Ignatius Wheeler j^r Esq^r

We are &c.

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333. Sir. Your Letters of the 26th Inst^t are received. We think neither the Deserters taken up nor the Men enlisted under the Act passed at November Session last, can be applied to the Regiment extraordinary, but will be deducted from the Quota of your County to complete the Battalions of this State in the Continental Army. We wish we had it in our Power to transmit you the Sum of Money you require, but the Deficiency in paying the Taxes, renders it altogether impossible. We think every Exertion necessary to endeavour to capture the Pirates, with which you are infested, and to assist you, we shall order down one of the State armed Boats but as the Captain