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of her is at present sick, she will not arrive at Hooper's Straights by the time appointed by Mr. Smoot. We should readily have sent you the Subinels and Boats if we had them. Enclosed are the Commissions, agreeable to your Request. We are &c.  
Henry Hooper Esq.

Council Annapolis 29<sup>th</sup> July 1700

334. Sir Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst we have received, and are sorry to be informed of your Loss in particular and the general Distress of the Inhabitants who are exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy's Piracies, aided by some of our own People. We think it necessary to endeavour to capture them, that they may be brought to condign Punishment, and have, for this Purpose, ordered down to Hooper's Straights, one of the armed State Boats; but from the Chart & Notice given and as the Captain is unwell, it will be impossible for him to arrive there by the Time you propose. We cannot think it justifiable, either to burn the Houses of the Suspected, or injure them in their Persons, but would have the legal Steps taken <sup>have them</sup> apprehended and brought to Punishment  
Capt. John Smoot. We are &c.

Council Annapolis 29<sup>th</sup> July 1700

335. Sir We lament it is not in our Power to furnish you with Money from the Treasury, it being, at present, entirely exhausted. The enclosed Order for 6000, we hope, may be conveniently paid by the Collector of Kent County and when the Treasury is replenished, we will enable you to comply with your Com<sup>ms</sup> tracts. In giving Directions for the Government of the General Commissaries we have invariably limited the Prices not to exceed 22-10-0. <sup>per</sup> Bushel for Wheat, 6-10-0 <sup>per</sup> Butt for Flour, 3-10-0 <sup>per</sup> Butt for Bacon & 1000 Dollars <sup>per</sup> Barrel for salted Pork & Beef. We wish you to have the Wheat manufactured into such Flour as has been hitherto made for the Army. We have appointed Mr. John Bolton of Chester Town, Spicing Commissary for the Eastern Shore Department, and request you to give every Assistance in furnishing him with the Supplies of Provision necessary. We are &c.  
John Voorhees Esq.

Council Annapolis 29<sup>th</sup> July 1700

336. Gent<sup>l</sup> We were honored with your Letters of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> enclosing a Copy of His Excellency General Washington's to you, We are well convinced that it is a Matter of the first Moment to fulfill the Engagements of this State, relative to the Supplies of Men and Provisions and that the most vigorous Exertions ought to be made to obtain them. Our Endeavours will not be remitted from a Reliance on other States, as fully competent to the Purpose. It is a ruinous and destructive Idea and ought to be greatly reprobated. We shall do our utmost to facilitate the Execution of the Com<sup>ms</sup> for the Purpose of complying with your Requisitions  
Committee of Co-operation.