

150. In Council Annapolis 31<sup>st</sup> July 1700

We have received your Letters of the 27<sup>th</sup> and of this Date. It gives us real Concern that it is wholly out of our Power to supply you with Cash at present. The enclosed Order on the Collector of Queen Anne's County for 6000 £, is the only Expedient we can devise by which you have a Chance of an immediate Supply of the Articles you deem essentially necessary to give life to your Commission. There is no great Credit scrip'd from declaring a Willingness to supply the Necessaries for subsisting the Army, if those Articles are withheld, unless the highest Price is paid for them in Cash. The Sincerity of Professions, is best proved by corresponding Actions. We cannot send you an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer, as he is possess'd of a subsisting Order of this Board, to transmit to Mr Starwood, the Treasurer of this Shore, all the Money he receives. The Commissaries who applied for Directions, are limited not to exceed by 10.00  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  for Flour, 22.10.00  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  for Wheat 3 £  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Bacon and £ 375  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  Barrel for Pork and Beef.

We are &c.

Charles Blake Esq<sup>r</sup>

In Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> August 1700

313. Sir. We feel sensibly for the Distresses of those who are in the Circumstances you describe. The Money which is directed to be levied, is expressly applied by the Legislature and, as the Law provides no Relief, it is in vain to apply to those who are incompetent to that Purpose. We have no dispensing Power, nor can we, in Virtue of our Office, for one Moment suspend the Operation of an Act of the General Assembly.

We are &c.

Henry Downes Esq<sup>r</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup> of Caroline County

In Council Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1700

314. Sir yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> we have received. Though the Law concerning Deserters is general, yet we think it never could be the Intention of the Legislature to include Deserters from other States, as no Benefit would arise to this State from them, they being subject to be taken by the States to which they belong. We think the Recruits for the Regiment extraordinary are entitled to the Bounty of two Hundred Dollars &c. and in some Instances, we have issued the Money to them. Our Treasury is entirely exhausted, we therefore have drawn an Order in your Favor, on the Collector of the Tax for £ 6000 to enable you to advance to the Recruits. It is out of our Power at present to supply the Recruits