

In Council Annapolis 8th Aug^r 1700

Capt. Swan lately purchased a Quantity of Blank for State Purposes. We have not Occasion for it, at this Time, therefore request you will immediately dispose of it to the best Advantage. We are informed Part of it is already stolen and the rest in a very insecure State. The Proceeds, we desire you will pay over to Mess^{rs} Russel and Gilmore in Part of fifteen thousand five hundred and sixtyn Pounds due them for Necessaries furnished Mess^{rs} Sandell and Co their for the use of the Maryland Troops. We are &c.

Capt. Geo. P. Shepards.

In Council Annapolis 9th Aug^r 1700

Circular.
Sir. We request you to have all the Horses, Waggon &c. purchased or otherwise procured by you for public Service, sent, with all Expedition to the Head of Elk, and delivered to Col^l Henry Stollingworth, taking his Receipt for them. We are &c.

To the Purchasers of Horses &c. on the Eastern Shore —

In Council Annapolis 9th Aug^r 1700

Capt. Berry. You are to be in full Readiness to take the Continental Troops at this Place on Board, early tomorrow Morning: you will proceed with them and the Vessel with you, to such Place in Virginia, as shall be directed by the commanding Officer, taking particular Care to keep out of the Way of all the Enemy's Vessels and, as soon as you have landed the Troops, you will return, conveying the Vessel which goes down with you, to this Place. We are &c.

Capt. Berry

In Council Annapolis 9th Aug^r 1700

Sir. We are sorry to hear you have not procured the Quota required from your County for the Regiment Extraordinary and for completing the Battalions of this State in the Continental Service. We must refer you to the "Act to regulate the Militia", as your Guide in the Appointment of Officers to command the Militia which may be ordered from Somerset, in Virtue of the "Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion of Regulars". The Rank of Militia Officers still remains unsettled and to fix and determine the Rank of a Part, it will be necessary to settle the Whole. You will readily conceive that much Time will be necessary for the Completion of this Business and that the Circumstances of our Affairs will, by no Means, admit of our giving the Attention, at this Time, which the Subject requires; we therefore