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hope you will let this matter remain in its present state and that
No 359 will not meet with the Difficulty you apprehend, on this Occasion. We
recommend to you to take the Certificates which were given. The Board will
not comply with their Contracts, on account of the unexpected Scarcity of
the last Winter. An Account of the Arms and Ammunition in Store
we shall expect by the first convenient Opportunity and are &c.
George Dashiell Esq^r

In Council Annapolis 9th Aug^r 1700

Sir We request you will send, by Pilghman's Boat, the Whale of the Stomach
in your Hands of the late Purchase made of you by this Board. Mr.
360. Bingham, the Commander of the Boat, has Directions to bring it to the
Post for the Use of the Troops now here. We are &c.
William Kemfley Esq^r

In Council Annapolis 11th Aug^r 1700

Gent^l We are this Day informed by a Letter from Baruch Williams Esq^r that a Quantity of
Flour which was procured last Winter, is detained at Appoquiminink Landing. This
Article is much wanting with the Army; we must request you to use your
utmost Influence to have the Flour forwarded with all Expedition, and we
361. shall pay the Amount of Storage &c^a which has, unjustifiably, occasioned the
Detention, as soon as we are informed of the exact Sum, for which you will
give an Order on us. Adopt any other Method by which this Business may
be accomplished with more Ease. We are &c.
Committee of Cecil County.

In Council Annapolis 11th Aug^r 1700

Sir By the late "Act to procure a Loan" the Agents are directed to deposit the
Money &c^a borrowed, with the Treasurer; but, as Matters are circumstanced,
you may apply the Money procured by you, in Virtue of that Law, to purchase
Provisions, and, when its convenient, you may obtain an Order from this
Board, for such Sum as shall be applied to such Purpos^s. We can, by
362. Means consent to your buying Wheat and Flour, at the extraordinary
Prices given by the Purchasers from the neighbouring States. Our Instructions
to the several Commissioners have uniformly been, not to exceed 6^s 10^d for
for Flour, 22^s 10^d for Wheat 37^s 6^d for Pork & Beef and
3^s 4^d for Bacon. These Instructions were to govern your
Contracts, and we cannot avoid thinking you will be more successful than you
imagine. We are induced to form this Opinion from the abundant Supply of
the present year, from the real Scarcity of Money, and above all, the
generous Prices offered. The Enclosure is written to the Council