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In Council Annapolis 25th Aug^r 1700

Sir The Regiment extraordinary, now at this Post, are nearly ready to march Northward; we prefer sending them by Water to the Head of Elk, and, as a sufficient Number of Vessels cannot be procured here, request you will immediately, upon Receipt of this, procure by Hire or otherwise, a sufficient Number of Vessels to transport 300 Men from hence to the Head of Elk. We have Reason to believe you will meet with no Difficulty, in getting the Vessels on Hire, but should it be otherwise, you have a Power enclosed to impress. We are &c.

W. Isaac Grist. Ball^o

In Council Annapolis 20th Aug^r 1700

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Sir The Enclosure is an Order on the Collector of the Tax in Calvert County for 6000^l which, with the great Proportion, we flatter ourselves, you have engaged to pay in Certificates, will answer your present Purposes. We have long thought the Supplies should be forwarded to the Army, as soon as they were procured, and have urged the Necessity of making the greatest Exertions to that End; and, if possible, Letters received this Day from the Committee of Co-operation, impress the Necessity of this Measure more forcibly on our Minds. Under the present Circumstances of Affairs, when our Magazines are exhausted of Provisions and the Subsistence of the Army depends upon the precarious Supplies of the Day, we cannot avoid reiterating our Solicitation that you have your Purchases of Wheat sent to Col^o Fitzhugh's Mill where it should be manufactured, from thence transported to the Head of Elk without Loss of Time. We are &c.

Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r

In Council 26th Aug^r 1700

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Sir. You will receive from Mr. Bullen, Forty Horses. You are likewise to call on Col. Henry Hallingsworth at the Head of Elk, or the Person acting for him in his Absence, for all the Horses which have been delivered to him by the Contractors for the Purchase of Horses in this State and with which we request you will proceed with Diligence and Care to Morris Town and deliver them to the Quartermaster General or such Person as he shall authorize to receive them at that Post, taking his Receipt therefor, as a Part of four Hundred ^{Doz} Horses which were required of this State by the Comm^o of Congress at Head Quarters. In the Subsistence of the Horses, you are to draw Forage from the Quarters at the General Posts between Ches^r & Morris Town. We are &c.