

107  
Council Annapolis 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1780

400  
Sir. We received yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. If neither new Money, Tobacco or  
Anderson the Sheriff of the County will afford you the means of obtaining  
the Supplies wanted for the Army, it is not in our Power to place any thing  
in your Hands, at present, and are sorry to find we are likely to, call  
it a County on which we put considerable Dependence. The General  
Assembly being to meet in a few Days, may probably make such Re-  
gulations as will enable us to direct your Conduct in the other Matters  
you mention, in the mean time we request you not to make Contracts  
payable in hard Money and to forward all the Cattle, on the Shop, you  
can, likewise what Blaw you have on Hand, having just been informed  
by Congress, that the Army is much in Want of Provisions. Barrels  
will be very much wanted for the salt Provisions, and no Time  
should be lost in procuring them. We are Sir  
Richard Dallam Esq.

Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1780

490  
Sir. Our Inclination to alleviate the Distresses of our brave Officers in (ab-  
solutely as far as we are allowed, together with your Offer to contribute all in  
your Power to accomplish so desirable a Purpose, has prompted us to  
send a Brig to New York with Necessaries and to solicit your Assistance  
Joshua Loring Esq. Commissary of Prisoners, in his Letter to Col. Banfill  
says, the Commanding Officer in New York will admit of our sending  
only such Supplies as will be necessary for the immediate Use of the  
Officers, but he cannot think of allowing any kind of Traffic. This  
Permission, though not extensive as we wish, enables us to afford  
Relief to our Officers from Time to Time. We request you to engage  
such a Vessel as you esteem suitable for that Purpose, as speedily as  
possible and that you would purchase 15 thousand Pounds of Bacon or  
Pork; if you think you cannot procure it immediately, inform us as  
soon as you can and what Expectation you have of Success. We propose  
to send besides the Bacon 60 Barrels of Blaw, Game Pres, Sugar, Coffee  
and Tea and shall have £100 Gold to distribute amongst the Officers.  
Mr. Chamier having engaged to pay that Sum in New York, to our Agent  
Capt. John Gunn. We are Sir

Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1780

491  
Sir. We received yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. When we directed you to  
forward the Blaw, it was not our Intention that such a quantity should be  
fit for the Use of the Army should be sent, but that you should follow  
our former Instructions on that Head. We are Sir  
William Thomas Darnall