

~~Major [unclear] [unclear] from the [unclear] [unclear] of~~  
Lieut. Maitland Esq.

In Council 5<sup>th</sup> December 1780.

36. Sir,  
No. 36. We have directed Mr. Randall to procure some articles necessary for our troops, which we shall have an opportunity of forwarding in a few days. If you have sold any more tobacco or to can agree for the articles wanting payable in tobacco please to supply him with what he may want out of what you have on Hand. It is uncertain what Plan the General Assembly may adopt for obtaining the Supply for the ensuing year, but as the Season for curing salted Beef and Pork is wearing away fast, we request you to purchase on the best Terms you can for the Public Interest, as much as possible of those articles. We hope there will be some Demand for the Tobacco. We have some foreign and good Country Salt, part of which shall be sent to you, but should it not reach you in Time, we recommend you to procure the quantity you may require in Baltimore Town.

James Calhoun Esq.

In Council 5<sup>th</sup> December 1780.

36. Sir,  
Many concurring Reports induce us to believe the Enemy have left the Bay, and being desirous to relieve the Militia from every Hardship and Inconvenience as soon as our Situation renders their Service unnecessary. We request you to discharge the Guard ordered by you immediately.

Andrew Buchanan Esq.

In Council 6<sup>th</sup> December 1780.

Gentleman,  
Lieut. [unclear] commanding officer of the Guard placed over the Convention troops informs us in consequence of Orders