

In Council, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1781.

Sir,

Your Favor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant was handed to us by Mr. Poo. It gives us great concern that we cannot comply with your Request. We have just applied to the Treasurer and am informed that there is not a Dollar of any kind of money in it, subject to our Order. There are incessant Demands on us from every Quarter for considerable Sums, and we have little indeed or no Prospect of answering them, and unless some efficacious Measure is adopted by the Assembly to procure an immediate Supply, it will be impossible for us to extricate ourselves from the embarrassing (and distressing) Difficulties in which we are involved. We have furnished Mr. Poo with forty Hogsheads of Tobacco, which he is directed to dispose of for the best Price as speedily as possible.

General Gist.

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Sir,

You will have enclosed the Notes of twenty Nine Hogsheads of Tobacco, of the Year eighty, weight 27,626 lbs. Processed, which we hope will be adequate to your Demands. You may continue to purchase Corn, at least as far as the Amount of the Tobacco will extend. We have furnished the Bearer with one hundred Pounds Continental Currency to defray his Expenses with which you are charged.  
Mr. Joseph Fords.

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Sir,

In the Hurry of Business the Warrant which was intended for the Lieutenant of Harford County, was enclosed to you, we now enclose a Warrant to apprehend George Jackson of your County, which you will have immediately executed.

Colonel John Thompson.

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Sir,

We have received yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> and at your Request have sent £4000 by the Bearer, the utmost Sum which could be drawn from the Treasury. We have to thank you for your Attention to the Preservation of the public Flour, and have no Doubt but that