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are then to proceed down as far as you can with Safety for the Purpose of discovering, with Certainty, where the Enemy are, and what their Designs may be, which you are to communicate to this Board as speedily as possible.

Col<sup>l</sup> William Middleton.

In Council, 2<sup>d</sup> Feb. 1781.

141. Sir, Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> Ult and 1<sup>st</sup> Instant are received. We were so much engaged the last week that we had not Time to write to you. The Salt shall be sent you to morrow or next Day at Farthest. It is not in our Power at present to supply you with any Money as our Treasury is entirely exhausted.

W. John Brookes.

In Council, 3<sup>d</sup> Feb. 1781.

142. Sir, The Commissioners of Prince Georges Charles St. Marys and Montgo-  
mery Counties have orders to send forward immediately all the Provisions they  
may have, for the use of the Convention Troops and Guard. You will here-  
with an Order on the Collector of Frederick County for thirty thousand  
Pounds, which we hope will answer for the Present, till we can give  
you a further Supply. The Treasury is at so low an Ebb that it will  
not enable us to furnish you with any Money. If the Collector  
of Frederick County should have it in his Power to supply you  
with more than we have directed, on Application from you, we  
shall order a further Sum.

George Muddock Esq.

In Council, 3<sup>d</sup> Feb. 1781.

143. Sir, From a letter <sup>received</sup> from Colonel Woods that the Troops which you  
command are ordered to Fort Pitt. The Legislature of this State have  
directed that the Maryland Part of the German Regiment, under the  
Command of Colonel Wittmer, the Corps of Artillery, commanded by  
Capt Brown and five Companies of Militia if necessary should be  
ordered to relieve you. We have this Day wrote to Colonel Wittmer  
and Capt Brown to march their Corps immediately and shall order  
such Part of the Militia as we may think sufficient with