

In Council, 23^d Feb. 1781.

198. Sir, From Information received from Colonel Barnes of the Enemy having committed Depredations in St. Mary's County and that he expects the Militia will be called into Service, and as there is no Provision made for such an Event, we think it proper that a Part of the Flour saved from the Kessels should be reserved for the use of the Militia and have requested Col Barnes to call on you for such Quantities as he may think necessary, which you will be so obliging as to deliver on his Order.

Major Taylor.

In Council, 25^d Feb. 1781.

199. Sir, We are of Opinion with you that a part of the Flour saved from the Kessels that were saved on Shore by the Enemy should be reserved for the Militia if there is any Prospect of their being called on soon into Service, of which you are certainly the best Judge and therefore we leave it wholly to you and have requested Major Taylor to deliver to your Order such Quantities as you may think necessary for that Purpose.

Col. Barnes.

In Council, 26th Feb. 1781.

200. Sir, We are informed that you have proposed to take into your Care, some of the poor Houses belonging to the State. If you incline to do so, we request you will attend that we may agree on the Terms.

Mr. Zachariah Duvall.

In Council, 26th Feb. 1781.

201. Sir, We enclose you a Copy of a letter from Col. Dashiell by which you will observe that James Welsh and William Isaacs who are now in Baltimore are suspected of illicit Practices; we request you to have them immediately apprehended with their Papers and carefully examined, and if there should appear to you any good Grounds for this Suspicion, you will have them