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We think it reasonable the State should pay the Value of Money advanced and Interest thereon until paid and we agree to pay the Value with Interest to those Gentlemen who have made advances and will give an Order on the Collectors of Baltimore for their reimbursements.

Messrs Robert Pussians Matthew Ridley
and William Pottow Merchants.

In Council, 25th March, 1781.

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Sir, We have yours of the 20th Instant. The cattle you have collected must be drove to Frederick Town and delivered to Mr. Muddick to supply the Comanties and other Troops on their Marches through this State to Pennsylvania. We flatter ourselves that by your exertions you will be enabled to execute the Orders for procuring the Quantity of Provisions required of Prince Georges County. Our Instructions to you were general and hope they will be strictly pursued. The Salt Provisions are to be sent to this Place.

John S. Brookes Esq.

In Council, 25th March, 1781.

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Sir, We have sent you three hundred Cartridges and thirty Pints. We will furnish you with Musquets, if you will inform us of the Number necessary and be accountable for their returns when demanded. It will be necessary for you to send for them.

Major Meekin.

In Council, 22^d March, 1781.

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Sir, Mr. Ann Tilley having obtained Permission to go on Board of the British Ships lying before this Harbour with a Flag for the Purpose mentioned in the Enclosure to which we beg Leave to refer you. We request you to give Directions that she may be safely conducted and the usual Forms observed on such Occasions.

Commodore Nicholson.

In Council, 22^d March, 1781.

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Sir, The Troops at this Place are in want of Bread, and it is impracticable to transport it by Water from Baltimore Town, we request you to impress immediately six good strong Waggon, and send them to Mr. Donnellan to be loaded with Bread and Flour and send down to this Place. On your Application General Gage will furnish you

W. Reed