

wherefore you will, without Delay send off all the Cattle, you have on the Hoop up
to this Place, and your Salt Provisions by Water up Pasture to upper Marlborough to the
Care of Mr. John Smith Brooks. We wrote to you some Time since with Direction to
procure a Quantity of Fresh Provisions, this you must continue and increase the quan-
tity to twenty thousand Weight with your utmost Vigilance. The Directions for
removing the Salt Provisions were given from an apprehension they might be in Danger
from the Enemy, but if they are in places of Safety it will be unnecessary to remove ^{them}.
Mr. Patrick Sim Smith.

In Council, 4th April, 1781.

Sir, The Commissions requested by yours of the 21st ult. we herewith send you.
The Laws are not printed, therefore it is not in our Power to send them. You are
Commissary of the County to supply what Provisions you stand in Need of for
the Militia called into Service; but in all Probability each Man will not be on
Duty more than a Day or two, at a Time; and if they would furnish themselves with
as much Provision as would serve them for the Time they are in Service,
340. they make hereafter make a Return to the State, which shall be repaid. As
the Mode of Defence, that will rest with you who are on the Spot, and not
with at this Place; Mr. Donnellan is appointed to recruits from Baltimore
and Harford Counties. In Answer to yours of the 2^d Instant, we can only say
it certainly is your Duty to be prepared against any attempt the Enemy may
think proper to make. We presume you have the Proportions of Arms and Ac-
countments for your County; Artillery we can not supply ^{you} with, you are to
apply to Mr. Calhoun who will supply you with Salt. It is indispensably
necessary that the Mills should be removed to a Place of the utmost Security,
we conceive Property of such public Utility, and that in such imminent
Danger as you make mention of should not be delayed a Moment from a
removal, which we desire you will do as soon as you possibly can and hope
in Future you may not wait the Directions of this Board in like Cases. We
consent to suspend the Draught in Harford until 1st Day of May.

Richard Dallam Esq.

In Council, 11 April, 1781.

Sir, We are still in want of Flour and shall be obliged to you to continue to send
341. until further Orders, and particularly by the Waggon you may impress and forward
to the Head of Severn

Mr. Poe.