

In Council, 12th April, 1781.

No 362. Sir, The Troops under the Marquis Fayette are on their way to the Southward and are to take Baltimore Town in their Route, and will want ^{Provisions} ~~Provisions~~, and therefore request you to purchase Provisions for them, and if you are not able to procure or purchase, we hereby authorize and empower to seize such Provisions as may be necessary for the Troops - Live Cattle will be most acceptable.

Benjamin Griffith.

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363. Sir, By a letter received from the Marquis, he informs us that when he was going up the Bay two Men came on Board the Fleet with the Detachment under his Command, having been induced to mistake them for British, and gave every ~~the~~ Intelligence in their Power, offering to guide him to several Places on the Shore and telling him they had been on Board the Hope, and had supplied the Enemy with Provisions and offered to pilot them to a Place where they had a Sloop loaded with Flour and ready to slip off to Portsmouth; in consequence of which the Marquis dispatched Major McPheerson and six Men with him one of those who gave the Information with Intent to seize the Sloop and Flour they were to land in Gun Powder Hook where the Sloop lay, as the Marquis had not heard from Major McPheerson he seems uneasy for fear some Disaster might have befallen him. We request you will immediately make Inquiry for the Major and render him every necessary Aid in your Power. You will also give the Marquis at the Head of Elk the earliest Information you may collect on this Subject.

Richard Dallam Esq.

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Sir, We are this moment informed by Mr. that John Hammond Comwell was committed by him to the Guards House in Baltimore Town on Suspicion of buying Flour for the use of the Enemy. We have strong reasons to believe this man has been engaged in Practices of this kind and as some of