In Council, 20th April, 1781.

Sir,

Col. Blaine informs us that he has orders from the Board of War to remove the public Provisions from the Eastern Shore of this State to the Delaware to be forwarded from thence to Trenton, and recommends the landing at Dover as the

No. 383. most proper Place of Delivery and Deposite, you will therefore have all the public Provisions on the Eastern Shore transported to the Landings on the Delaware preferring those above Dover; Col. Blaine will confer with you on the Mode of carrying this Business into Execution, and we hope in Conjunction with him you may make proper Arrangements, he will inform you of the Names of the Persons he has or may appoint to receive the Provisions on Delaware. If the Money furnished should not be adequate to the Expence of complying with this Requisition and you cannot procure Waggons Teams &c. for the Purpose, we hereby require and authorise you to impress that Number may be sufficient.

Henry Hollingsworth Esq.

In Council, 20 April, 1781.

Sir,

Genl Smallwood thinks it necessary that the Fort on Bore Point should be immediately evacuated and the Cannon and Stores removed to this

384. Place, which can only be done by Lands for want of a proper Vessel. The Genl has promised to have all the useless Cannon &c. put on Board Mr Rutland's Sloop, and sent to the Indian Landing, provided he can be furnished with the Necessaries for putting them on Board. We hereby empower and direct you to impress for those Services such Number of Horses with Gears Packles &c. as may be necessary.

Mr John Butler.

In Council, 20th April, 1781.

Sir,

We are favored with your Letter of the 17th by Express, and suppose you have rightfully taken upon you the Powers of Government on the Eastern Shore, but cannot admit the Inference you seem to deduce therefrom, that no Measures ought to be adopted by this which relate to the Eastern Shore, without previously submitting the Propriety of them to you. We presume that the Authority vested in us by the Constitution and Laws prevades and extends to every Part of the State alike, and could not be suspended on the Eastern Shore, by your Assumption of the Powers of Government