

and Distinct, may be removed and our Endeavours cordially united
and the Strength of the State brought into Action properly directed to
secure the Independence and preserve the Peace and Happiness of America.
Special Council,

In Council, 25th April, 1781.

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Sir, We have yours of the Instant, you will have the Laken and
Land sold for the best Prices you can obtain in ready Money; this
with the Order enclosed you on the Collector of St. Mary's County, we
think will be sufficient to answer your present Application. The
Aides you will have turned for the State.
Capt. Joseph Stacks.

In Council, 25th April, 1781.

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Sir, Many pressing and immediate Demands for Provisions and other
Reasons induce us to receive dead Beef from the Inhabitants of this
other Counties within the State, when the Detachment under the
Command of the Marquis was in this City, we could not furnish
them with fresh Provisions without receiving Dead Beef and engaging
that it should be discounted for Taxes as Beef on the Hoof; we
therefore request you will give Directions to the Collector of An-
nandol County to receive in Discount for Taxes all Certificates
issued by John Grisal since the first Day of March last for dead
Beef, the same Manner as if it had been delivered on the Hoof.
Commissioners of the Tax for Ann. Anndol County.

In Council, 25th April, 1781.

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Sir, We have just received certain Information that three Ships
one Brigg, and two Schooners appeared off Morning Bay early this
Morning, they now lie at Anchor, the Wind and Tide being against
them. we suppose it is the same Force that went up to Alexan-
dria, you will direct the Militia to be in readiness and make every
other Preparations which you may esteem proper in the present Con-
juncture.
(Andrew Buchanan Esq.)