

1781.

Sir, (This Enclosure is a List of the Names of the Persons arrested and confined under the extraordinary Powers vested in this Board by an Act of the General Assembly passed last Session. John Hammond Cornwell, William Groves, William Groves Junr. Michael Dickey, Joshua Doney, and others had for some Time been suspected of buying Provisions for, and clandestinely trading with the Enemy; and there were many convincing Circumstances to induce a Belief that they had been guilty of such pernicious Practices, but they were not deemed sufficient by the Grand Inquest for the Western Shore to find Preferences against them. The others were arrested as if being Persons whose general Conduct and malignant Influence tended to spread Disaffection among the Subjects of the State and whose going at large might be therefore prejudicial to the Government, most of the last Class have been released on giving good Security of good Behaviour. John Hammond Cornwell and Accomplish are still confined under Guard in this City. Warrants also issued against Benjamin Sheekley, Cap. Beach Edward Leonard and Frances but they are not yet even apprehended. George Mann is now confined in Baltimore Goal under the Resolution of the general Assembly.

General Assembly

In Council, 30th May, 1781.

Sir, In Virtue of the Power vested in us by the enclosed Resolutions we have appointed you Special Agent to procure Cloathing for the Troops of this State, to be marched to the Southern Army, and as this is a Business of great Importance to this, as well to the united States, we earnestly recommend to your immediate Attention, the Execution thereof. You will observe that the general Assembly have given Directions for a Quantity of fine and superfine Flour to be immediately manufactured, in consequence of which we have issued our Orders to the Commissaries to have the wheat manufactured in equal Proportions immediately. The Flour shall be delivered by the 1st of September, you will therefore enter into Contracts for the Cloathing immediately by exchanging the Flour for such Articles as are most and immediately wanting especially to Sir Henry's encampment or by sending the same as may be most advantageous to the State. We refer to your Consideration the Propriety of making your Purchases in P. M. Baltimore.