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No 571. Law against those who refuse to march; those People draughted ought
either to procure Substitutes or take their Part of Duty as well as those
embarked in the same Context, we therefore request you to order them
immediately to this City to join the Troops here that they may march
when ready. You have enclosed an Extract of the Act of Assembly
authorizing you to excuse such Draughts as you may think come
under the Description of the said Act.
Colo Charles Birkhead.

In Council, 22^d June, 1781.

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Sir, We have received your Letter of the 22^d respecting some Goods
taken by Mr. William Bagot belonging to your son. Similar Seizures
have been made in most of the Counties; in consequence of a Law
for procuring an immediate supply of Cloathing for the Troops.
When the Proprietor of the Goods and the Commissary cannot agree
on the Price, the Commissary is authorized to seize the Goods and give
a Certificate to the Owner expressing the Quantity and Quality and
directed to send a Copy of this Certificate to us with Samples
of the Goods, but no Mode is prescribed by the Law for ascertain-
ing the Value which induces us to conclude that it is the
Intention of the Assembly to have the Value fixed at some
future Session by a Committee of that Body.

Thomas Lintee Esq?

In Council, 22^d June, 1781.

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Sir, We have received your Letter of this Date, and as we have occa-
sion to send the Boat Pilot Capt. Middleton to Patuxent to convey
some Tobacco vessels from thence, we have ordered him to wait
on you and bring all the Salted Provisions you have. If it is in
large Casks, the Transportation will be easy, and if it can be
repacked in Barrels here if not immediately used. You will
hasten Capt. Middleton away with all possible Dispatch.
Patrick Sim Smith Esq?

In Council, 22^d of June, 1781.

Sir, You will immediately proceed to Patuxent Lower Marlboro in