

Provisions and there apply to Patrick Henry Smith Esq: for some Salt, Provisions belonging to the State, and taken on Board and then you will proceed to the Rifles in the James River landing, with Tobacco by Mr Key on account of the State bound to the Head of the Bay which you are to convey as far as this Place; when you are to return with the Provisions, unless you think there is Danger from the Enemy, in such Case you are to convey them until you think they are out of Danger.

Capt Gilbert Middleton,

In Council, 22^d June, 1781.

Sir, We were honored with yours of the 12th Instant, be assured that your very disagreeable Situation for want of Remittances from this State, has given us real Concern, and that it would give us considerable Relief to remove them immediately. We have delivered Philip Key Esq: two Hundred and thirty Hog heads of Tobacco to be immediately transported to Philadelphia, eighty Hog heads of which are now afloat, from the Sales thereof you are to be supplied with Money. Mr Key drew an Order on Mr Mollohan for fifty Pounds Specie to be delivered to you which we have imagined you have received. You may rely, Gentlemen, that if our Abilities were equal to our Inclinations, you would not be left in such embarrassing Circumstances.

Delegates in Congress.

In Council, 22^d June, 1781.

Gentlemen, We have lately made many Contracts with the Individuals of the State, for Provision and military Stores, presuming that Means would have been provided by the General Assembly, to enable us to comply with them; Some of these Contracts are in paper, others in Specie, and the rest in Specie to be paid in Tobacco or Flour at a price, to be ascertained by the Governor and Council, and the Party or Bills on the Havana. The Articles have been delivered and the Party call on us to perform ^{our} part of the Contract; insisting and we believe very truly, that he has expended