

Sir

In Council 1st Sept^r 1701

N^o 799 We from your Representations there is a Necessity for an Authority to impress Waggons, Gears, Drivers, necessary Provisions and Storage, to remain the Law in your Department to Baltimore Town. We therefore hereby authorize and empower you to impress, if you cannot hire, such a Number of Waggons, Gears, Drivers, necessary Provisions and Storage as will be fully sufficient for the above purpose and give the Owners Certificates of the Time you employ them.

Edward Gaither Esq^r.

In Council 1st Sept^r 1701

Sir

X There is an immediate Occasion for ten good Waggons and Gears to forward the Troops to the Southward. We enclose you three hundred Pounds towards enabling you to purchase them, which we request you to do, or employ some fit Person, so that not a Moment be lost. If the Owners refuse to sell or you find any Difficulty in purchasing: We hereby authorize and empower you to impress the above Number of Waggons with Gears and have them ready to forward whenever required. We would not give you the present Trouble but we know no Person on whom we can so much depend, on an Emergency so pressing.

* Col^o Philip Thomas

In Council 1st Sept^r 1701

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 29th Aug^r and enclose Commissions for Capt^t Ireland and Lieut. Blake, of the Select Militia, when you recommend an Ensign, a Commission shall issue to him.

001. There is a Necessity that all the Draughts and Recruits from your County should be sent up without any Delay: Orders are given for them to be marched as soon as it is possible to collect and prepare them.

Col^o Joseph Wilkinson.In Council 1st Sept^r 1701

Sir

There are several Vessels in the Harbour, impressed for the Purpose of transporting Troops, Baggage &c from the Head of Elk. We request you will be so obliging as to order an Officer to take Charge of them and proceed immediately to the Head of Elk.

General Smallwood.