

Council 13th Sept. 1701

281 Sir

By authentic Information received this Morning, our Army in Virginia is now in want of Provisions, particularly of the Bread N. 029. Kind; we therefore most earnestly request you will procure and load all the Vessels at George Town and Bladenburg proper for transporting Provisions and immediately send them forward to the Point of Operations in Virginia. We are informed there are two Brigs at Alexandria, and there are, probably other Vessels that would answer the Purpose. We wish you would endeavour to engage the whole, or such Number as you can load, in this Service, and we have the greater Expectations of your procuring them as General Knax promised to call upon the Merchants of that Town and represent the Necessity of their aiding this State in forwarding the Business of Transportation by Water.

Thomas Richardson Esq^r

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Sir

As the Service requires the Use of every Vessel in the State that can transport Baggage or Stores: we most earnestly request and hereby authorize and empower you to impress all Vessels that may be found in Patowmack fit for such Service, and 030. for so doing, this shall be your Justification. You will dispatch such Vessels as you may impress, immediately to this Place where they will receive their Instructions.

Daniel Senifer Esq^r

Annapolis 15th Sept. 1701

Sir

The great scarcity of Bread Provisions at the American Camp in Virginia, renders it absolutely necessary to forward Supplies of that Kind thither with the utmost Celerity. I therefore hope it will be in your Power, and in that Case, request you to put a large Quantity of Flour on Board the Vessels destined to transport the Troop from 031. Baltimore to Virginia, it may be carried without Inconvenience as Ballast. This Object is of such a Magnitude, I entreat your immediate Attention to it, and if you have not a Quantity belonging to the Public in your Hands it would be well to borrow of Individuals for a short Time, if such an Expedient is practicable. There is no Council at present, but the Necessity of the Case justifies my calling upon you in this Way.

James Calhoun Esq^r

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