

In Council 20th Sept. 1701

N^o 041
Sir
Mess^{rs} Jacob Shelman, Adam Boyer and Matthias Beckie having offered to contract with the State to receive dry Hides at 3^d p^t. Pound and green Hides at 2^d p^t. Pound with an Allowance of 6^d for the Carriage of each Hide from Annapolis and one Shilling for each Hide from Fredericksburg and to deliver good Substantial Shoes at 9^s. a pair and any Sort of Leather at the Prices it sold for in Frederick Town; we therefore request the Favor of you to take the Memorandums of their Offers and fix the Agreements with them. The State will constantly want Shoes and we desire to extend the Quantity beyond the Value of the Hides, as far at least as one thousand Pair. From your Representation a Quantity of Leather will be wanted to finish the Saddles, you will therefore procure from those Tanners, as much Saddle Leather as will answer that Purpose; but if you can relinquish the Contract with Propriety, we wish you to do it, as the 50 Saddles already received will be sufficient for our Purpose.
Col^o Philip Thomas.

In Council 21st Sept. 1701

042
Sir
We are honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 15th Instant and shall feel ourselves happy in rendering every Assistance in our Power to the Army in Virginia; but from the distressed Situation of our Commerce, the Article of Salt has become very scarce within this State and we fear, is not procurable in any short Time. We have given Directions to forward all the Flour that can possibly be collected, without Delay; upwards of 2000 Barrels are ready and Part thereof shipped, the residue will be forwarded with all Expedition.
Governor Nelson of Virginia.

Annapolis Friday Noon 21st Sept. 1701

043
Sir
This Moment, Major General the Baron Viomeniel completed the Embarkation of the French Troops under his Command, destined for Head Quarters in Virginia; Part of their Baggage only goes by Water, the Remainder is sent off by Land. Apprehensive of Danger from the Enemy, after the Waggons pass Fredericksburg, the Baron desired me to solicit your Excellency to afford Guards of Militia for its Protection from thence to Williamsburg. The Baggage will be at Fredericksburg about the 26th of this Month, and at Head Quarters, if no Accident happens, the first of next.
T. L.
Governor Nelson of Virginia.

In Council 22^d Sept. 1701

044
Sir
You are hereby authorized and directed to impress as many Vessels as are necessary, to transport Flour and Salt to Head Quarters in Virginia and Waggons to transport the Public Salt to Baltimore Town. Both Flour and Salt are much wanted by the Army and we request you to lose no Time in forwarding every Barrel of Flour you can procure; you will apply to Mr. Alhoun to turn over all in his Possession
W. David Poe.