

Sir

Incouncil 23rd Sept. 1701

051. We have received your Letter of the present Date, offering Spades, Pick Axes and other Tools for intrenching. As soon as this gets to hand be pleased to send down a Waggon with what Number you have, of all Sorts already made, and we wish you to continue making of Axes, Hatchets and intrenching Tools of all Kinds, we will take all you have or can procure within 15 Days from this Time. Send your Account and the Charges of Waggonage, and the Money shall be paid to your Order: your patriotic Exertion in this Business will be very agreeable and of singular Service

Doct. Ephraim Howard.

Incouncil 24th Sept. 1701

Sir

052. We have received a Letter from His Excellency General Washington and another from General Lincoln of such great Importance and pressing Necessity that we think the Common Good requires us immediately to transmit Copies of them to your Honorable Board and to solicit your utmost Aid and Attention to procure and forward the Supplies which the Army appears so greatly to want. Letters of Requisition in the strongest Terms have been written to the Commissaries General of both Shores, to collect the public Flour and Wheat, and to grind up the Wheat without a Moment's Loss of Time; but we are very apprehensive that these Collections will prove too slow and too small to answer the great Purposes necessary for the immediate Support of the Army. We have nothing to depend on to purchase with but the Money of the last Expedition; but have strong Hopes that very considerable Quantities of Wheat and Flour may be procured from generous and public spirited Individuals, on Loan, to be repaid in Kind and with Interest if desired, out of the public Taxes, in a few Months. The high Opinion we entertain of the Opulence and good Disposition of great Numbers of Gentlemen on the Eastern Shore, and the entire Reliance we have on the Efficacy of your Exortions and Applications, induce us to recommend this Business (the immediate Supply of Flour for the Continental Army) to your most serious Consideration; and we flatter ourselves, the Measures you adopt, whether by Purchase, by Loan or otherwise will be most effectual to answer the present Exigency. If Wheat and Flour are purchased, Money shall be transmitted for immediate Payment and Certificates may be granted for all Loans bearing an Interest of 6% to be paid in Kind and we think if Vessels can be procured in your Rivers, the Flour, as fast as it can be collected in proper Quantities, should be sent to the Army in Virginia

President of the Special Council

Sir

Incouncil 25th Sept. 1701

053. We request you to forward immediately, all the Coathing and Blankets in your Possession, to this Place.

Capt. George P. Kepparts.

Incouncil 26th Sept. 1701

Sir

054. In Addition to our Letter of Yesterday, we have to request, all the County Commissaries within your District, to forward the Beef to George Town on Patowmack, except those from Washington and Fredericks, which are to be sent to Fredericksburg in Virginia. We flatter ourselves you will use every Endeavor to collect and forward the Supplies to the Army in Virginia, without Delay.

James Calhoun Esq.

Sir

Incouncil 26th Sept. 1701

055. It is represented to this Board, by the Petition of Ephraim Howard that he was fined by a Court Martial fifty Pounds for some offence committed by a Man, at a Time that his Family was extremely ill, and that you have