

Sept. 1701

Gentlemen.

No 061. We have just received Information that the Wheat lodged in Mr. Thomas Tillard's Mill, is in a great Measure destroyed, and that what Flour has been manufactured in that Mill, is so damaged as to render it unfit for any kind of Service; and the Wheat for the present Year, is now collecting and mixed with the old. Should this be the Case the State will be materially injured and the Supply wanted for the Army, not adequate to Expectations. We have thought proper to give you this Information that you may take Measures for its Removal, or remedy the Inconveniencies attending it in its present Situation.

The Commissioners of the Tax
for Am Arundel County

Incouncil 29th Sept. 1701

Sir.

No 062. The Cattle in Mr. Arnolds Pasture, we are informed, are in the utmost Distress without Water or Grass, and unless removed, must inevitably perish. You are therefore requested to remove them to George Town; if not in your Power to do it immediately, you will order them to some Place that can furnish them with Water and Grass sufficient to support them til sent on.

Nachel Stevens Esq.

Incouncil 2^d Oct. 1701

Sir.

No 063. We are favored with your Letters of the 20th and 29th of September and are much obliged to you for your useful and friendly Communications, which we request a continuance of. We have just heard that General Washington is still in Want of Provisions, that he has about 15000 Men in his Camp and that an Effort is to be immediately to land a Body of Troops in York River within a few Miles of the Town. Every Thing conspires to animate us to every Exertion for his Support that is possible and we entirely agree with you in Opinion that no Circumstances should be omitted on this important Occasion. We send you according to your Request, 1500 £ on Account, and herewith several Letters to the Collectors of Horses, which we request the Favor of you to forward. Horses are and will be greatly wanted. We hear that Mr. Paea is in Town, with whom we promise ourselves a Conference on Affairs relative to the public Welfare. Your Letter to Mr. Arnoll is forwarded by Express, and when his Answer arrives it shall be sent immediately.

President of the Special Council.

Incouncil 2^d Oct. 1701

Sir.

No 064. The Supply of Flour at this Place being very nearly exhausted, we must request you will send as much as Mr. Pitt's Boat will bring.

James Calhoun Esq.

Incouncil 3^d Oct. 1701

Sir.

No 065. A Vessel loaded with Flour for the Army below, is on Shore at Thomas's Point and if not immediately got off, the Vessel will be left in the Flour must be thrown overboard. We shall be much obliged to you to send a sufficient Number of Men in the public Barge now lying in the Dock, to man her and to assist in getting off the Vessel. You will be so obliging as to direct the Officers you may send, to apply to Mr. Shaw for the Oars Men belonging to the Barge. An Officers and twenty four Men, we think will be sufficient, if any Services, to be performed.

General Smallwood.