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Sir

Infouncil 16th Oct^r 1701

007. We have sent you by ... £. to enable you to procure and forward
the Number of Cattle heretofore directed, and to procure Barrels for Flour & Pork
to the Commissaries of Charles, St. Marys,
Stafford, Prince Georges & Calvert Counties } Money sent to Charles County 1200 £
St. Marys 600 £. Stafford 1200 £. Prince
Georges 1000 £. & Calvert books

Sir

Infouncil 17th Oct^r 1701

008. Col^o Blaine called on the Board on his way to Virginia and informed us
that a large Quantity of Spirits would be absolutely necessary for the Army
in Virginia, and requested that as much might be purchased as could be
procured; we accordingly wrote to the Commissaries of Montgomery,
Frederick and Washington, to purchase what they could in those Counties,
and sent 1500 £ to the Commissary of Montgomery, and 1000 £ to each of
the other Commissaries for that Purpose; since which we have heard from
Montgomery, that little or none could be procured in that County, and
Col^o Priel writes us on the 27th Ult^o that "he doubted not, in the Course
of the next Week, to send of three or four Loads to George Town", where
it was ordered. We have not heard from Washington on the Subject.

James Calhoun Esq^r

Infouncil 19th Oct^r 1701

Sir

009. We received yours of the 10th this Day and are much pleased to hear
you have been so successful in procuring the Cattle required from your County.
Knowing our Supplies of Cash to you, insufficient to pay for the Cattle
you were directed to purchase, we wrote you on the 16th that we had sent
you 600 £, but for Want of an Opportunity it did not go; you will receive
it now by the Post. We think it will best for you to lay the Accounts
for Expences before the Auditor General, to be by him adjusted and, on
the Adjustment, Orders will issue for their Payment. The Certificates for Pro-
visions, given by the Continental Officers, must also be adjusted by the Auditor
General before they can be paid. If you have made Contracts for Assistants
and Drivers, we presume they are reasonable, any such you will pay and
take their Receipts therefor, which will be required by the Auditor as
Vouchers for those Charges in the Settlement of your general Account.

Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r

Infouncil 20th Oct^r 1701

Sir

090. Your Letter of the 1st Current was not received til yesterday. The Law
is express, that no Allowance is to be made for the fifth Quarter in Discharge
of Taxes. The Pork and Bacon, we think reasonable. Col^o Blaine was with us
the other Day and informed the Board that he had given general Directions
respecting the Cattle on the Eastern Shore, which we suppose you have
received; you will feed them with the Shorts and Bran, until they are delivered.
W^m William & M^r Bryde.

Infouncil 20th Oct^r 1701

Sir

091. It is with great Pleasure that we transmit the Copy of a Letter from
His Excellency General Washington dated the 12th. All other Accounts from
Head Quarters agree, in the fair Prospects of subduing his Lordship.
We rejoice to find the Exertions of this State, have given full Satisfaction
to the Commander in Chief; we are daily forwarding Flour and Cattle. You
will be surprized at our Letter of the 11th accompanying this, but the
plain Truth is that two Gentlemen at separate Times had engaged
to convey it to you, and the 75th Speer, and, after some Delay returned it.