

In Council 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1701

977. Sir. W<sup>m</sup> William & W<sup>m</sup> Dryde, Commissary of Somerset County. have sent by Captain Handy 46,320 <sup>lb</sup> Beef in Bulk which we request you to receive, and to report to the Board the Condition it is in.  
W<sup>m</sup> John Crifall.

In Council 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1701.

978. Sir. Captain Handy in Conformity to your Directions called here and represented the Risque of being caught in the Sea, if he proceeded to Elk; on that Consideration, and the Demands of the Soldiers for Provisions, we desired him to deliver the Beef to John Crifall the Spring Commissary at this Post. We understand that Philip Sapon Commissary of Caroline County, has a large Quantity of Salt belonging to the Public; we would have you apply to him, if it can be conveyed to you with any Degree of Convenience; if not to be procured from him, and the red Money will not pass as Specie, you must dispose of as much Wheat and Flour as will furnish you with Salt and also Barrels sufficient for the Pork you may receive. You will find, by W<sup>m</sup> Crivalls Receipts to Capt. Handy, that there is a Deficiency of 8,709 <sup>lb</sup>.  
William & W<sup>m</sup> Dryde Esq.

In Council 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1701

979. Sir. We have this Day received Information that you are seizing Cattle from the Inhabitants, under Instructions given you some Time ago, which not a little surprises us, when you collected so few, at the Time the Demands for the Army acting in Virginia were so pressing. We hereby direct you not to seize any more Provisions under those Instructions. You are to return us an Account of the Number seized and in what Manner they have been disposed of, which we request may be done without Delay.  
W<sup>m</sup> Benjamin Griffith.

In Council 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1701

980. Sir. We have made a Contract with Col<sup>o</sup> & Master Rawlings for 600 Barrels of Flour, manufactured under the late Law, and all the live Cattle and Beef salted in Bulk, under your Care, to be delivered at Frederick Town; you will therefore appoint two reputable, Skilful and judicious Persons to estimate the Weight of the Cattle, standing and you will take an Account of the Number, and Weight of each and the Quantity of Salt used in curing what you have in Bulk, the Weight of each Barrel of Flour and then deliver the same to Col<sup>o</sup> Rawlings, and transmit a particular Account thereof to us. Col<sup>o</sup> Rawlings is to return the Barrels to you in good Order, which you will have sent to the several Millers within your District.  
Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Price.