with a particular Engagement of ours, to transport a Quantity of Cloathing
1105. from the Head of Elk to the Southern Army, now in the greatest Distress
for Cloathing.
Hon.ble Intendant.

In Council 5th July 1782

Sir. We request you to send down by the Packet, one Coil of two Inch
1106 Cordage and one Coil of twelve Thread Ratline.
Col.o John Dorsey.

In Council, 5th July 1782

Sir. We have it not now in our Power to purchase any Blankets for
the Invalids; but we will engage to have them provided by September
at all Events, and earlier if it can be done. As it is very probable that
1107. the Prisoners are now without a Guard, we need not suggest the
Propriety of sending off the Invalids as soon as possible.
General Smallwood.

In Council 5th July 1782

Sir. Having undoubted Information that the Army under General Greene
is in the utmost Distress for Cloathing, and understanding that there
are an Hundred Hogsheads of Cloathing destined for that Army, which
cannot be forwarded from Philadelphia for Want of the Means of
Transportation: We have the Honor to inform you that we will
1108. undertake to furnish Money for the Transportation of them, from
the Head of Elk, if they cannot be otherwise forwarded, immediately,
although to do this, we shall be obliged to sell Specifics, or other
Property, at less than Half the Value.
Hon.ble Robert Morris Esq.r

In Council 8th July 1782

Sir. We have appointed you to purchase* Horses agreeable to the enclosed
Act: they are to be Geldings between 5 and 8 Years old, the Colours Bay,
* 19 Horses on the Western Shore & 7 on the Eastern Shore. Black, Brown, grey and Sorrell, and not under 14½ Hands high, to be strong,
active, well formed and clear of Blemish or Defect. It will be necessary
1109 for you to give public Notice that the Inhabitants of the several
Counties on your Shore may have an Opportunity of paying Horses
for the Specie Tax. You will have the Horses, when collected, put out to
Pasture and have them well fed: and the Expence thereof will be paid
you in Specie.
Mr. Robert Bowie } W. Shore
Mr. George Hanson } E. Shore

In Council 12th July 1782

Sir. We are informed, but not officially, that the Congress have determined
to pay and cloath the Army from the Treasury of the United States, for the
present and ensueing Years. That no Advances made by particular
States, to their Officers and Men, will be admitted in Discharge of the
1110. Demand for the 8 Millions of Dollars. That the Debt due to the Army
from August 1780 to January 1782, is to be considered as a Continental Debt,
not to be paid by the respective States, as heretofore. If such Regulations
have taken Place, we shall be much obliged to you for [illegible]