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No. 182.  
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[Council to Vanbebber and Harrison.]

To Messrs. Vanbebber and Harrison

Gentlemen. Your favours of the 9<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> & 25 of July and August 1<sup>st</sup> & 15 are before us. It has been unlucky for this State as well as for you that so many of our outward bound Vessells have miscarried. We have been tolerable lucky in our importations, having only lost the Adventures by Scott and Simmerton that we as yet hear of, Captain Luce is safe arrived in Delaware, and we daily expect to hear of the arrival of the rest of the Powder, you advise us that you have and are about to ship. We are very solicitous to Charter or buy Vessells to load out to your address as we want a large sum of Money in your hands for the Purchase of Salt, Arms, Coarse Cloathes, Blankets and Lead but we fear that we shall be disappointed in procuring as many as we want—you will therefore if possible Charter or buy Vessells with you and load them in with Salt as far as thirty thousand Bushels and draw Bills upon us or upon Mess<sup>rs</sup> Willing Morris and Company at Philadelphia and you may depend upon their being duly honoured. Next to Salt we want a large quantity of course Cloths, Blankets, Sail Duck, light as well as heavy, Lead and Muskets. We do not restrict in price, but leave it to you to do the best you can for the State of Maryland, and your Bills for the whole or any part thereof will be paid.

P. S. Your Bill on T. Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup> will be duly honoured.  
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Gentlemen.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for Twenty-five Hogsheads Tobacco, two hundred Barrels Superfine Flour, and one hundred Barrels of Bread on account of this State which we wish may get safe to hand, and to a good Market, you will be pleased to dispatch Captain Conway with a light Load of Salt and such of the Articles as you can purchase for us as recommended to you in our Letter of equal Date with this.

September 12 1776

Original.

[Frederick Committee to Tilghman.]

Frederick Town Sep<sup>t</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir. I am directed by the committee to inform the Convention that there are many deserters from our regiment, now in