

In Council 11th March 1780

We have received a Letter from the Board of War, informing us, that by Letters from the Commissary General of Issues, it is by no means improbable that the Army will be obliged to disband, unless the Speediest Relief is afforded, by forwarding as much Blane as possible, to prevent the Distress likely to fall on the Army, and the dangerous Consequences which may probably attend it. Under these Circumstances, we have to request your utmost Exertions and that you will inform us frequently, of the Quantity of Supplies forwarded by you.

We are &c.

Col^l Henry Hollingsworth.

In Council Annapolis 11th March 1780

Gentlemen

We request you to supply to the Recruiting Officers and others returned on Furlough, in your County, Provisions and Forage on their producing General Smallwoods Requisition for the same.

We are &c.

The Comm^{rs} for Charles & }
St. Mary's Counties — }

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Sir.

Your Letter of the 4th Inst^t was handed to us this Day by Col^l Senifer and, by the same Opportunity we enclose you Letters to the Commissioners of Charles and Saint Mary's Counties, desiring them to furnish, upon your Requisition, Supplies of Provision and Forage, for Recruiting Officers and Parties, in those Counties and also for Officers on Furlough. The late Resignations of Commissaries and Quartermasters have been attended with Inconvenience which, we hope, may be, in some Measure, remedied, in this Instance, at least, by the Step we have taken.

We are &c.

Genl. Smallwood.

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Gentlemen.

We had the Honour of receiving your Letter of the 4th Inst^t at 6 O'clock last Evening: the Subject is of a most serious and alarming Nature, and you may rely upon our immediate Attention to it. Every Exertion shall be made on our Part to extricate the Army from its present Difficulties and Distress: we, however, cannot avoid expressing our Astonishment on finding the Magazines in such an exhausted State, after the Numberless Accounts received of plentiful Supplies being received at Camp. These Accounts, we must observe, were not officially given, but they, however came through such a Variety of Channels, we thought them entitled to some Credit, especially as we had received nothing contradictory from Congress ^{your} ~~that~~ ^{you} ~~had~~ or the General. We again beg you to be assured, that we will make every Effort to send forward to Camp, all the Blane that is or may be collected, without Loss of Time.

We are &c.

The Board of War.