

In Council Annapolis 3^d. April 1780

82. Sir. We have received yours of the 29th ult^o and 1st Inst. and shall send you by the first good Opportunity ten thousand Pounds to be expended in the purchasing of the sewing Silk, and paying for the Making of the Officers Buttons, the remainder to be laid out in Shaws. If you cannot wait for the Payment of our Order on the Collector, return it and the Money shall be sent you. If you can exchange the Shalleons on Hand for such as will be suitable, we request you to do it on the best terms you can ~~and~~ unless the Recruits are willing to receive it for the Rates allowed them by the State, and if a sufficient Quantity cannot be had that way. It will be proper to engage it as we propose sending the Linn and other Things on Hand to Camp in a few Days. We shall be glad to know if any suitable Trimmings can be obtained. The Governor has wrote to Mr. Hudson about the Blankets. Capt. George Hamilton applies for Cloathing for his Recruits: we have already wrote you to have the Cloth made up; on his Application, you will supply him with the State Bounty as far as you can, on his making a Return of his Men and giving you a Receipt. We are &c.

Capt. George P. Reports.

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83. Sir. On Mr. William Smith's Application to export 500 Barrels of Flour and the same of Bread, to Virginia for the Use of the French Marine, Permits are to be granted, under similar Restrictions expressed in our other Permits for that Purpose. We are &c.

The Naval Officer at }
Baltimore - }

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84. Sir. Your Letter of the 3^d Instant, we have received and have sent a Permit to load the Schooner Baltimore and a Copy of the Resolve of the Gen. Assembly of the 30th March, which our Secretary was directed to enclose in our last. We shall write to the Naval Officer of Baltimore to permit you to export the Quantity of 500 Barrels of Bread and 500 of Flour, to Virginia for the Use of the French Marine. The French Agent is not at Liberty to continue his Purchases; such a Quantity of Flour will be delivered to him by our Order, as with what he has already been permitted to purchase, will make in the whole 15,000 Barrels. We are anxious to have the precise Quantity purchased by you and your Deputies ascertained as speedily as possible, that we may give Directions to have the enclosed Resolve fully complied with. The Extract of our Letter of the 17th Jan^{ry} last which you obtained by Accident, appears to have given you more Uneasiness than we think any Expressions contained therein can justify. Those Parts which you deem so offensive, have not any Allusion to you