

or your Conduct, they relate to those Persons who, desirous of deriving  
 Advantages from their illegal Purchases and contriving to elude the Law, pretend  
 that the Wheat and Flour in their Possession was purchased for the French Army  
 thereby, to exempt those Articles from Seizure. Our Letter was wrote to  
 Commissioners of Cecil in consequence of Information received from them that  
 many Obstacles were thrown in their Way to retard, if not prevent the Execution  
 of the Law and particularly that the Possessors of Wheat and Flour, to avoid a  
 Seizure, pretended they were purchased for the French, and was a Direction to the  
 pointing out the Line of Conduct to be pursued under the Law, in procuring  
 Supplies for the Army, and was calculated to frustrate the Artifices of pretended  
 French Agents, who were sedulous in Attempts to defeat the deplorable End of the  
 Law. We have laid all the Letters and Papers that relate to the Seizure of  
 French Flour and the Part you have taken therein, before the General Assembly  
 and we make no Doubt that, that Body, on your Application, will afford  
 you an Opportunity of vindicating your Character and freeing it from the  
 Aspersions attempted to be cast on it

We are &c.

Wm Smith Esq.

Annapolis 6th April 1780

Sir. The Inclosure is a Copy of the Law for the Adjournment of the General  
 Court for the Eastern Shore, which passed the Seals Yesterday. You are  
 requested to publish it immediately in Talbot County and give the earliest  
 Notice of the Adjournment to the Sheriffs of Queen Anne, Caroline and  
 Dorchester, who may have Opportunities of informing the People from  
 the upper and lower as well as those of their respective Counties, by which  
 Inconvenience and Expence of attending will be avoided

John Needles Esq. }  
 Shff of Talbot County }

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 4th Apr. 1780

Sir. By Mr. Farmer we have sent you £8000. with a Part of which we  
 wish you to continue the Purchase of Shoes, as it is not improbable that  
 there may be pressing Demands from the Army for them, in a little  
 Time: and we have sent you the further Sum of £12,500. to purchase 100  
 of Mr. Hudson's Blankets; though anxious to procure a Number of  
 Blankets, we cannot think of taking the Whole on Mr. Hudson's Terms  
 you will therefore communicate this to him.

Cap. Geo. P. Reports

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 7th Apr. 1780

Sir. We have received yours of the 2d Inst. Your other Letters to us before  
 a Committee of the House of Delegates, we cannot, at present, enter fully into  
 the Subject of your last and we think it would be proper for you to send  
 us a general Account State of your Account, that we may have some  
 to judge by, in complying with your Request for a further Sum. As only a