

In Council Annapolis 10th Apr 1780

This has been for some Time and at present is a Place of Rendezvous for a Number of Soldiers and Recruits belonging to the Continental Army and how long Circumstances may require the Detention of them we know not but must request you to send us an immediate supply of Pork, we think two Waggon Loads would suffice: hitherto they have subsisted upon the State Provisions which are now nearly exhausted

We are &c.

Mr David Poe R.M.

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150. Sir: We send you by your Brother fifteen thousand Pounds, which is as much as the State of the Treasury and other pressing Calls will at present admit. We shall, in a short Time have it more in our Power to determine on what is to be done about the Bran, Sharts and Ship Staff. If the Maryland Troops move to the Southward, of which we have received some, tho' not official, Information, there will, probably be a sufficient Demand for it

We are &c.

Richard Dallam Esqr

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154. Sir: The Difficulty you are under, in consequence of your Contract with Tho. Maccanley appears to us to have arise from your purchasing instead of seizing the Larn in his Possession. You have still a Power of seizing it, which you ought to do and pursue the Directions of the Law. Some Certificates are sent by the Bearer.

We are &c.

Col: Edward Gaither.

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158. Sir: We received your Favor of the 6th Inst^l and have, agreeable to your Request, appointed Adam Hoops, ^{Capt. Lieu^t} to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of Mr Cromwell. Mr John Randall was appointed an Ensign, but the Board of War refused to commission him, his being State Agent at the Time, we conjecture to be the Reason, and therefore conclude a Reappointment previous to his Resignation, would be unnecessary. We cannot appoint Mr James Clark, consistent with the Recommendation of Congress, by which we are desired to forbear any further Appointments. We shall transmit a Certificate of the Appointment of Capt. Hoops, to the Board of War. By an Act passed in October 1777. the County Courts are empowered to afford Assistance to the Families of Recruits raised in Virtue of it, during the Absence of such Recruits, if they stand in Need: and we observe similar Clauses are inserted in the subsequent recruiting Acts. The Soldiers that enlisted prior to October 1777. under former Laws, are not comprehended within the Letter of either of those Clauses, but we have no Doubt of their being within the Spirit, and think their Families equally entitled to the Assistance of the Public

We are &c.

Col: Josias Larvil Hall.