

communicated to your Excellency the Intelligence we received  
 from one of our Lookout Boats that returned last Night from the  
 Mouth of Potomack. The Captain informs us that there are several  
 small Privateers in the Bay and one or two as high up as Nicot  
 in Virginia. We shall keep our Boats out constantly, to give  
 Information, that we may apprize the Commanding Officer, of every  
 Movement of the Enemy, to intercept the Troops We have the Honor  
 Governor Jefferson.

In Council Annapolis 2<sup>d</sup> May 1780

Gentlemen. Circular

199. The General Assembly, in conformity to a Requisition of Congress,  
 have requested us to direct fifteen thousand Barrels of Flour to be delivered  
 to the Agent of France, including the Quantity he was, heretofore, per-  
 mitted to purchase, by Authority of this State. We therefore request you  
 to have delivered to Mr. Wm Smith of Baltimore Town, or his Agent  
 or Deputy all the Wheat and Flour seized by you, in the Hands of the  
 French Agent or Deputy, in Pursuance of the "Act for the immediate  
 Supply &c". If any of the Wheat seized by you, has been manufactured,  
 you must deliver the Flour &c produced therefrom, to such Agent or  
 Deputy and render us a particular Account of what you deliver as  
 soon as possible We are &c

To the Commissioners of Baltimore, Harford, Cecil,  
 Caroline, Kent, Dorchester, Talbot, Worcester and  
 Queen Anns Counties & the Commrs of Balt. Town

In Council Annapolis 11<sup>th</sup> May 1780

200. Sir. I have received your Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst. and think I cannot, with Propriety  
 interpose and stop the regular Course of the Law, without being previously  
 informed of the particular Circumstances of each Persons Case committed  
 and confined in Goal, and therefore must request the Favor of you to  
 apply to the Magistrates who committed the Prisoners, and obtain a State  
 of the Proof or Testimony against each Person. If the Crimes with  
 which they stand charged, are not atrocious, or the Evidence against  
 any of them should be insufficient to induce an Opinion of their Delin-  
 quency, and no Inconvenience likely to result to the Publick from my  
 Interference, I shall not hesitate to free them from their Constraints.  
 Zeal for the Common Cause and a strong Inclination to oblige you  
 conspire powerfully to influence me to take every Step possible to  
 restore these Men to the Army, that is not inconsistent with  
 the Laws of the State and the great Duties incumbent on me to discharge.

Colo. Josias Carol Hall.