

In Council Annapolis 26th May 1780

NO 224. Sir. You are to take on Board the Vessel, the Stores Mr. Randall will deliver to you and to proceed to Petersburg with them. As some Troops are now ready to depart with the first fair Wind you are directed to convey them down. On delivering the Stores you are to return with all possible Dispatch
We are &c.
Capt. Robert Berry.

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225. Great Sir. A Letter received yesterday Afternoon from the President of Congress, dated the 19th ult. advised, that the State of Maryland is, at this Time unrepresented in Congress and "That matters of great Importance are now lying before Congress, which require the united Councils and vigorous Exertions of all the States", at the same Time earnestly requesting that Maryland may be represented as soon as possible. We take the Liberty of enclosing you an Extract of a second Letter from the President, received by the same Opportunity, which fully evinces the Propriety of the first and the Necessity of an immediate Compliance with the Request therein contained
We are &c.

John Hanson and
John Henry Esqrs }

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Sir. (Circular)

220. The exhausted State of the Continental Treasury, arising from the Depreciation of the Paper Currency, the Backwardness of the States in furnishing their respective Quotas and the Want of other effectual Resources, have induced Congress to solicit this State in the most earnest and pressing Manner to supply them with 1,234,350 Dollars by the 15th of June. This Money is our Proportion of ten Millions of Dollars, to be appropriated to the sole Purpose of bringing our Army into the Field. The Difficulties of the General Assembly at this alarming Crisis and the Impossibility of convening them in proper Time to take Measures to comply with the above Requisition, make it incumbent on us to exert ourselves and to devise the most effectual Means in our Power to obtain that Sum. We are deeply impressed with the Necessity of putting our Army in Motion and furnishing such Supplies as the Exigency and Nature of the Service require. In this Situation, no Mode so likely to procure the desired Sum, within the Time limited, has occurred to us, as that of attempting a Loan. We are the more inclined to think this Measure capable of Success from a recent Instance, that the Contributions of some of our virtuous and patriotic Citizens have afforded us. We know such is the Virtue and Patriotism of our Citizens, that they will contribute their Money and exert themselves to the utmost to relieve our Army and enable them to assist us with our Allies.