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I have to refer you to him. Our Assembly is to meet on next Wednesday; we shall lay before them your Letter, which will, doubtless, evince the Necessity of immediately adopting effectual Measures for obtaining the Supplies necessary at this critical ~~Season~~ Period. The Law prohibiting the Commissioners &c from acting, without taking an Oath, having expired, the Gentlemen in whose Favor you have drawn, will have no Difficulty on that Account

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1700

Sir.

234. We have received yours of the 3^d. Inst^t and shall expect and account of the Sales you made, as soon as it is convenient. No Time should be lost in securing the Flour you mention, and as much more as you can possibly procure; the Terms must be left to your Discretion. We have no Doubt but the Spirit of Avarice, or something worse, if possible, will raise the Price on the Public, as soon as it is known that Article is wanted for Purposes necessary to our Preservation. The General Assembly is to meet the Day after Tomorrow, and we do not hesitate in giving every Assurance in our Power that Payments may be expected within the Time you mention, for every Thing which may be obtained for the Public. Inform us whether you have a Prospect of doing any Thing material.

We are &c

Richard Dallam Esq^r

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1700

Sir.

235. We have just received yours of the 31st. Ult^o and as we have Reason to believe Beef will be wanted for the Army as soon as it is in proper Condition, we should be glad to treat with you for any you can have ready between this and the Middle of July, sooner if possible. Inform us when and where the Beef may be received and the Price, as soon as you can ascertain it. We request your Answer as soon as possible.

We are &c

W^o Abraham Saw.

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1700

Gentlemen. Circular.

236. The Intelligence we yesterday received from the Committee of Co-operation appointed by Congress, now with the Army, accompanied by a Letter from His Excellency the General, point out so strongly the Necessity of supplying the Army immediately with Provision, of which they have a very scanty and precarious Supply, and likewise the fatal Consequences which may attend our not having ample Stores for the intended Co-operation with the Assistance daily expected from our Ally, that we must call on you in the most earnest Manner to inform us without Delay of the Provision you have procured ^{under} the Act for an immediate Supply &c. By this Time, we have Reason to believe, this can be