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at the Capes of Virginia Chesapeake, as will afford ample Protection to the  
327 Commerce thereof. We ~~intreat~~ <sup>intreat</sup> you, in the most earnest Manner, to lay the  
important Subject before Congress and to use your utmost Efforts and the  
Weight and Influence of this State to obtain the Protection desired.  
Delegates in Congress. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> July 1700

328. Sir We have been favored with your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> accompanied by Letters from  
their Excellencies the President of Congress and Minister of France. Mr William  
Smith is furnished with the desired Permission to purchase and export 3000  
Barrels of Flour for the Supply of his Catholic Majesty's Fleets and Armies  
acting in the West Indies and at the same Time, we requested Mr Smith to  
act with that Caution, in the Execution of your Commission, necessary to  
prevent the pernicious Effects of a Competition with our Commissaries.  
Robert Morris Esq<sup>r</sup>. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> July 1700

329. Sir Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> we have this Day received. We have given Orders to  
the Commissaries in the several Counties of this State, not to exceed 22.10.0  
of Bushel for Wheat, 6.10.0 of Bushel for Flour. This is the highest Price  
allowed to be given, yet we hope you may be able to procure it on better  
Terms. Your Application to be Commandant of the Regiment Extraordinary  
to be raised, did not reach us until after the Officers were appointed. You  
will have the Bacon sent to this Place as soon as possible, as we shall  
want it for the recruits. It is altogether out of our Power to furnish  
you with the Money you require, but hope you will still be able to pro-  
ceed in your Purchases. We are &c.  
Daniel Fenner Esq<sup>r</sup>.

In Council Annapolis 29<sup>th</sup> July 1700

330. Sir Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> we have received, and wish we had it in our  
Power to furnish you with the Sum of Money you require. We recommend  
it to you to make as many of your Contracts for Tobacco, as possible,  
as that Article can be more conveniently spared from the Treasury  
than Money. You have enclosed, an Order on the Collector of Prince Georges  
for £ \_\_\_\_\_ which, if immediately received may assist your Purchase. This  
is all we can do, until the Taxes come in. We think it best to have  
the Horses put out to Pasture, until we can adopt a Method of supplying  
them forward to the Army. We are &c.  
Mr John Beall, P. Geo. County.