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In Council Annapolis 20th Aug. 1700

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Sir. We received yours of the 17th Inst. The Bacon & Pork which you have ordered
Princess Ann, would be of some Service, if forwarded. Could you conceivably
send it to Cambridge to the care of Mr. J. Harrison, we apprehend it might
be shipped from thence to the Head of Elk and delivered to the acting Comd^g there,
with more safety than by sending it down the river; however the
matter must be left to your Discretion. Enclosed is an Order on the Comd^g
for £2000. We are &c.

Henry Jackson Esq.

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Sir. The alarming State of the Trade of Virginia & Maryland in the Chesapeake
and above all, the extreme Difficulty and Hazard of supplying the Northern
Army with Provisions from Virginia and the Southern Parts of this
State, occasioned by the continued and increasing Depredations of the Enemy
have rendered the immediate Expulsion of them from the Bay, an Object
of Magnitude to this Board. The Merchants of Baltimore have, on
this Occasion, undertaken to furnish us with two armed Brigs & three
large Barges, every of which we shall furnish sufficiently with Men,
Arms and Ammunition. This Force will be accompanied by two fast
sailing State Boats, to act as Tenders. We most earnestly solicit your
Excellency to aid us in this Service, so beneficial to the States in General
and to Virginia & Maryland in particular. Only fast Vessels of War
which can be immediately equipped, can be serviceable, as the Success
of this Attempt will depend in a great Measure upon the Secrecy
and Expedition with which it is executed. We expect our Vessels will
be ready to proceed down the Bay the 6th of next Month.

His Ex^{ty} Gov^t Jefferson }
Virginia }

We are &c.

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Sir. We intend to send down, in a few Days, our State Boats, to co-operate
with some Vessels from Baltimore in clearing the Bay of the Enemy
and request you to hold a Party of Militia you can depend on, and
to give what Assistance in your Power, in case there should be occasion for
them. This Design should not be made public -

Col^l George Dashiell and }
Col^l Henry Hooper }

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 31st Aug. 1700

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Sir. We have received yours of the 25th Inst. & enclose a Letter from
Jacob & send, by this Opportunity, an Order on the Comd^g to pay
for a Sum of Money to be laid out in Cloathing, necessary for the Militia
under your Command. We are &c.
Capt. John Read.