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N^o 113. it is incumbent on us to exert ourselves not only to make up the deficiency immediately, but likewise to continue the Supplies for the future to come. In this the Reputation of this State is deeply concerned, as well as the general Interest of America at this particular Crisis: we must therefore request your immediate and most diligent Attention to this Business. By Letters received from the Commissary General, the Committee of Co-operation and from his Excellency the Commander in Chief, a Dissolution of Part of the Army and other very ~~disgraceful~~ ^{disgraceful} ~~consequences~~ ^{consequences} may be avoided, if we are enabled to inform the Commissary that he may expect considerable Supplies in a short Time. We are sensible Sir, in order to execute this Business to effect you must be powerfully assisted; ~~by us~~ we shall therefore explain our Situation as fully as we can, by which you may, in some Measure, regulate your Conduct. The Assessment of Tobacco is to be collected in this Month, & probably all of it will be in the Treasury by the Time limited, by the Law, a considerable Part before. This will enable us to raise a considerable Sum of Money and may be reckoned a certain Fund and we flatter ourselves the new Money, which is now printing under the Act of Assembly to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange &c, will in a great Measure, assist your Purchase. In addition to this, as we have Reason to expect the new Bills for this State drawn immediately from Congress, further Means may arise from them. We do not know any good Reason why the new Money should not circulate readily at 10 for 1, as the State is to receive it at the same Rate, at least we cannot doubt but some Part of the Purchase Money be made with it. Under our present Difficulties and the absolute Necessity of supplying the Army immediately, we request you to procure the Flour on the best Terms you can. Pray let us have your Answer and continued to inform us of your Proceedings.
We are &c

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John Voorhees Esq^rs except
the first sentence.

Council Annapolis 6th Sept. 1790

114 Gent^l Your two Letters of the 11th & 16th Inst. we this Day received and wish it was in our Power to furnish you with the Military Stores you require but we have not more than 500000 (common) Our State Boats are engaged to proceed down the Bay against the Enemy immediately, and we apprehend your Supplies will not be ready