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In Council Annapolis 5th Oct. 1700

40473. Sir Yours of the 5th Ult^o we received, which was the first Intimation given us, relative to our supplying the Army in the Southern Department and therefore had not made a Provision for the Payment of such large Sums of Money, as your two Draughts to Col^o Polk and Joseph Clay Esq^r which have been presented to us for Payment, and we are really distressed that we were under the disagreeable Necessity of declining the Payment, for want of Money. We expect a considerable Sum of Money will be paid over to the Continental Treasury, in this Month, and shall do every Thing in our Power to have so much paid over to the Continental Treasury, as will answer these Draughts, which ought to have been drawn on him. As we are at all Times anxious to be informed of the State of our virtuous Countrymen, we shall thank you to transmit us a Return of the Maryland Troop by the earliest Opportunity, and every other Matter relating to them General Gates. We are &c.

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174. Sir [Circular] We request you to send us a complete Return of the Provisions you have purchased and obtained and in what Manner, since your Appointment as Commissary, and hope this will not be delayed, at farthest, beyond the 17th Inst^o, when some Member of the General Assembly may afford you a favorable Opportunity. We are &c.
to the Commissaries of the several Counties

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175. Sir Yours of the 7th Ult^o we have this Day received and have sent you by Mr. Gibson £600. of the late Emission of this State. Considering the Situation of the Collection of the Tobacco Tax, in your County, we think it unnecessary to send you an Order on the Sheriff, at this Time; but as soon as you can give us Information that the Sheriff has received a sufficient Quantity of Tobacco to pay the Order you now have, and has Tobacco remaining in his Hands, we shall then transmit you an Order for any Quantity that may be necessary to complete your Purchases. We wish you to forward the Cattle with as much Expedition as possible, to the Head of Elk. We think the best Mode for getting the Wheat manufactured would be, to agree with the Millers to grind it for a fixed Price in Money, and to deliver the Flour in Sharts, Bran &c. The Wheat, if delivered to any Person before it is manufactured, ought to be delivered to Col^o Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk. We are sorry to be informed of the Rise of Wheat in your County & still hope you will be able to purchase at our Limitation; but if it cannot possibly be accomplished, it will be necessary giving the enormous Price which Wheat has risen to in some Places, you will have your Purchase sent to the Head of Elk by the first safe Opportunity. Col^o James Hindman.