

[Council to Hanson.]

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No. 80.

To John Hanson Esquire

Sir. The Instructions from the Council of Safety (as you will observe) only respected Musquets. But we desire you will purchase Rifles upon the best terms you can. Be pleased likewise to pay for those purchased by Cap^t Mantz, and by the first opportunity we shall order and send you any Money you may find necessary.

26 July 1776

[Council to James Tilghman.]

No. 81.

To James Tilghman Esq^r

Sir

The Business before this Board daily becomes more important and consequently requires as full a Council as may be, we hope therefore before this reaches you that your Line with your cousin is settled and that it will not be inconvenient for you to attend your Brethren immediately: we are the more earnest in making this requisition as Colonel Plater intends to Saint Marys in a few Days and then we shall be left with only four Members. M^r Smith pleads the necessity of staying at his ship yard about the Building the Gondola, in excuse for his non attendance & M^r Hands has resigned his seat.

26 July 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

No. 82.

To the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County
Gentlemen.

The Alacrity shewn by your Committee in exerting itself in the Common cause, in which we are all engaged, it is hoped will be attended with the success it merits, and which is so exceedingly necessary at this alarming and important juncture of time, as without Arms and Blankets little prospect of a favourable Campaign can arise, if the Troops were ever so numerous. Agreeable to your request therefore, and to expedite the Business, we have transmitted to you by Captain Yates, the Thousand Pounds, the Disposal of which you will be pleased to render us an Account.

No Account has yet been sent to this Board of the Expenditure of the Thousand Pounds advanced at the time of the alarm occasioned by the Otter, omitted we suppose thro' the hurry of Business and therefore desire you will furnish it by the first opportunity.

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