

[Council to Capt. John Smoot]

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No. 22

Sir Yours of the 25th Ins^t we have received, and are sorry to be informed of your Loss in particular and the general Distress of the Inhabitants who are exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy's Piecaroons, aided by some of our own People. We think it necessary to endeavour to capture them, that they may be brought to condign Punishment, and have, for the Purpose, ordered down to Hooper's Streights, one of the armed State Boats; but from the short Notice given and as the Captain is unwell, it will be impossible for him to arrive there by the Time you propose. We cannot think it justifiable, either to burn the Houses of the suspected, or injure them in their Persons, but would have the legal Steps taken to have them apprehended and brought to Punishment

[Council to John Voorhees Esqr]

Sir We lament it is not in our Power to furnish you with Money from the Treasury, it being at present entirely exhausted. The enclosed Order for 6000, we hope, may be conveniently paid by the Collector of Kent County and when the Treasury is replenished, we will enable you to comply with your Contracts. In giving Directions for the Government of the several Commissaries we have invariably limited the Prices not to exceed 22..10..0 p Bushel for Wheat, 67..10..0 p C^t for Flour, 3£ pth for Bacon & 1000 Dollars p Barrel for salted Pork & Beef. We wish to have the Wheat manufactured into such Flour as has been hitherto made for the Army. We have appointed M^r John Bolton of Chester Town, Issuing Commissary for the Eastern Shore Department, and request you to give every Assistance in furnishing him with the Supplies of Provision necessary.

[Council to Committee of Cooperation]

Gentⁿ We were honored with your Letters of the 10th and 13th enclosing a Copy of His Excellency General Washington's to you. We are well convinced that it is a Matter of the first Moment to fulfill the Engagements of this State, relative to the Supplies of Men and Provisions and that the most vigorous Exertions ought to be made to obtain them. Our Endeavours will not be remitted from a Reliance on other States, as fully competent to the Business. It is a ruinous and destructive Idea and ought to be greatly reprobated. We shall do our utmost to facilitate the Execution of the Laws formed for the Purpose of complying with your Requisitions

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r]

Sir We have directed the Commissaries of Purchases in the p. 146 several Counties not to give more than 22..10..0 for wheat, 67..10..0 for Flour & 60s for Bacon. We would not have you exceed those