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Tuesday 5th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

James Calhoun Esq^r is appointed Commissary of Purchases for Baltimore County in the room of Abraham Risteanu who resigned

Ordered That M^r Shaw deliver to Capt. Robert Berry of the State Boat Plater, Bolt rope suff^t for the Mainsail and three fathom of Junk and also 3 fathom of Junk for the Dolphin.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Robert Berry 2 yds wrappers for the use of the Plater.

That Doct^r Murray deliver to Dan^l Jenifer 6 ts Bark

In Virtue of the " Act to enable the Treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary " passed in June Session 1780 Mess^{rs} William Wilkins and Isaac M^cHard are appointed supervisors of the Press for superintending the Printing of the said Bills of Credit.

Commission of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Patten Commander of the schooner Rover 60 Tons burthen, navigated by 10 men mounting 6 Carriage Guns 4 Swivels and 10 Muskets belonging to Samuel Smith & Dan^l Bowley of Baltimore

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[Council to James Calhoun Esqr]

Sir This covers your Appointment to the Commissariate of Baltimore County and the Laws directing your Conduct in the Execution of that Trust, This State having fallen very considerably short for the two last Months back of the Supplies particularly Flour, which were required and have been expected by Congress and the Committee of Cooperation it is incumbent on us to endeavour by every Means in our Power to make up that Deficiency immediately and to have a Prospect of continuing the Supplies. In this the Reputation of this State is deeply concerned as well as the General Interest of America at this particular Crisis, as you will readily perceive by the enclosed Extracts of Letters received by us. Under these Circumstances we have to request your immediate and most diligent Attention to this Business. If our Information is well founded, there is a very considerable Quantity of Flour for Sale in your Town & the Price reasonable, and probably more may be done in a Week, by you than in a Month by all the other of the Commissioners in the State. This would, at this Time, relieve us from very distressing Circumstances. To have it in our Power to inform the Commissary General of a certain and considerable Supply which may be relied on in a short Time, might be the Means of preventing a Dissolution of Part of the Army under the Commander in Chief and avoiding the disgraceful Circumstances so strongly described in one of the Extracts referred to. We are sensible Sir, in Order to execute this Business to effect, you must be powerfully assisted by us; we shall