

Bay without Hazard. We feel your Excellency's Distress from an apprehension that your operations may cease or be impeded for want of Provisions and the more so because we can't instantly furnish you. In Consequence of your Requisition, we directed our Commissaries to collect all the Public Flour and deposit it at convenient Places on navigable Water; since which M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun the Commissary for the Western Shore has informed us that 1185 Barrels are at George Town, and the public wheat in Washington and Frederick Counties now manufacturing and transporting to that Post, will, we are satisfied, afford from fifteen hundred to two thousand Barrels more. There are at Baltimore Town about four hundred and fifty Barrels and at the Head of Elk three hundred Barrels which last Quantity must be greatly augmented in a short Time unless the French Purchasers (who have hard Money to procure what they want) interfere with our Measures and render them inefficacious. If that Event should happen, we shall be constrained to resort to Seizure which will procrastinate our further Supplies and from its Odiousness ought if possible to be avoided. All the Vessels belonging to the State being impressed and now employed in transporting the Troops to the Point of Destination puts it out of our Power to forward the Flour immediately, as soon as they return we shall order them on that Service. The Number of Beeves we engaged to furnish, your Excellency may depend on, and we will have them driven to such Places within this State as you may point out. We apprehend those on the Eastern Shore must be sent by Water, however you will be pleased to determine and give Directions. Your Excellency may rely on our making every possible Exertion to supply you with every Thing in this State that you may want, but we wish you would not depend on us entirely for Axes, Hatchets and entrenching Tools. The Credit of our new Money, our only Medium, has been greatly wounded and the Circulation in some Measure stopt, since the French Contractors have been in the State, who have parted with their Specie with great Liberality, and we expect for some Time to meet with Difficulties in obtaining what is required

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct<sup>r</sup> Henry Schnebely sixty nine pounds nine Shillings and three pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Chirstopher Orendorff fifteen pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &<sup>ca</sup> of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Stores on Account.

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