Sir.

Annapolis September 5. 1781.

In Council.

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We most sincerely congratulate you on the Arrival of Comte de Grasse.

We do ourselves the Honor of enclosing Copies of the Letters which confirmed this happy event.

Circular Letters are dispatched to the respective Commissaries urging them to use every exertion in their power to procure and forward the Supplies required of them agreeably to our former orders. – As they will probably be wanted before they can be collected without the most strenuous exertions, We beg leave to request every Aid in your power, that this Business may not be a Moment retarded.

To give the more energy to the exertions of the Commissaries and to satisfy and quiet the apprehensions of the Inhabitants, each Commissary

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