Baltimore 8 July 1781

Colo. Smith has informed me that he cannot furnish the Spirits and Rum requested by the Council for want of Money to purchase it. The real Money advanced me when left at Annapolis, will not procure me any kind of Necessaries.

Mr. Calhoun offers to procure Spirits &c. if authorized to dispose of Flour, for Cash to pay for it.

I have the Honor to be
Yr Excellency
Most Obedt
M. Gist

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