

[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council 24<sup>th</sup> May 1779

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Sir.

We yesterday received a Letter from the Board of War dated the 19<sup>th</sup> requesting our Attention to the Removal of the Continental Stores: we do not know of any which may probably be in Danger from their Quantity and situation except those at the Head of Elk which we hope are nearly removed and the Salt & Flour at Baltimore. From what we hear, your Flour is chiefly removed; as to the Salt, we do not know what better can be done with it than to run it in Shallops & Boats, as agreed on when you was here, to Chester, Susquehanna and the Boats of the least Draft, to Joppa and there store it. We understand some of the Salt has been sent to the Head of Elk to be forwarded to Philadelphia, but, unless the Carriage can be performed by the Continental Waggon, we would not advise sending it to the Head of Elk, for we cannot agree to press the Farmers Waggon for that Purpose, the Neighbourhood must be worn down already

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Rob<sup>t</sup> Buchanan Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Council to S. Gilpin.]

In Council Annapolis 24<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

In your Return of Flour, you mention your having 874 Barr<sup>ls</sup> three Miles from Elk Landing. We have had no particular Orders, with respect to the Disposition of the Flour, it was to wait the Direction of the Committee on the Comm<sup>y</sup> & Quartermaster's Departm<sup>ts</sup> but we think such a Quantity of Flour so near the Head of Elk, is not in so safe a Situation as desirable therefore we request you'll call on Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth for Teams & have it removed to Christeen that it may be forwarded to Philadelphia from thence. If you can purchase 500, or 1000 Barr<sup>ls</sup> of Flour more, in a Safe Situation, not exceeding 18<sup>l</sup> do so, if you cannot at that Price, stop your Purchase, we have secured the Quantity desired. By M<sup>r</sup> Hardman we send you 40,000 Pounds to be applied to your Purchase.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Gilpin.

[Council to J. Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

We write by this Opportunity to M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan, our Sentiments, with respect to the Salt. Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth has not