

Liber C B Eighteen shillings and seven Pence due him per Account passed by  
No. 23 the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud<sup>r</sup>

Ordered that Comm<sup>o</sup> Grason deliver to Col<sup>o</sup> William Richardson an Account of the Owners of the Brig Talbot, 2 4<sup>th</sup> Carriage Guns and Carriages, 2 Breechens, 2 Gun Tackles 4 Gun Tackles, 2 Worms and Ladles, 2 Rammers and Spunges, 2 Cartridge Boxes, 2 powder horns & Prickers 2 Bitts, 100 round and 25 Double headed Shot, 2 Leaden Aprons—1 Anchor 790<sup>t</sup> 1 Cable 1840<sup>t</sup>. The Owners of the said Brig are to pay the same Price for them that the other four Pounders and Articles above mentioned to be disposed of by the Governor and Council shall sell for except the Anchor and Cable which they have sold him for £7.100.

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[Council to William Smith Esqr.]

Sir We received your Favors of the 3<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> by Express. As the grand Object of the Act for the immediate Supply &<sup>ca</sup> is to procure an immediate and full supply of Provisions for our Army, it was necessary that the Commissioners should be vested with extraordinary Powers, that those Powers should be accurately defined and that the Mode to be pursued by them should be plainly delineated, which is done. We do not think that Flour and Wheat purchased for the Marine of France priveleged or exempted from Seizure; and we are certain it was not the Intention of the Legislature that those Articles should be, because such Exemption would in a great Degree, if not wholly frustrate the Design of the Law. We esteem it our Duty to afford the Commissioners every Aid in our Power to facilitate the Execution of the Law, and therefore cannot at this Time, grant Permission to export Flour, because we should thereby restrain that extensive Operation of the Act, by which alone we can obtain an immediate Supply adequate to our pressing Wants. We are sensible of its Importance that the Marine of France should be furnished with Flour and it is with the utmost Regret, we have refused Permission and Nothing could have induced us to do it but the alarming and distressful Situation of our Army, and when we have Assurances that their Wants are relieved, we shall with Pleasure, grant Licence as heretofore. The numerous Evils that would result from procrastinating, the Supplies when contrasted with the Inconveniencies alluded to by you, will, we trust evince the Propriety of our Conduct and justify our Refusal. We will send you the Account for that furnished Cap<sup>t</sup> Harrison by the next opportunity

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Present as on Wednesday—

Ordered That Serj. Richard Welsh deliver to John Davidson 1 Barrel Cannon Powder 12 Fathom Match Rope and 32 four pound Shot M<sup>r</sup> Davidson is to pay the same Price for them that the same Articles to be disposed of by the Governor & Council shall sell for