

but must observe that by the Law there is no Merchant Flour to be Manufactured unless ordered by the Governor & Council or the Com^y of the Shore and as these persons who mean to pay their Taxes in Flour will doubtless have it made of a quality most to their advantage submit it to your Hon^{ble} Board whether it would not be proper to direct a certain quantity of the wheat to be Manufactured in a different manner

I have not been able to procure any information from the County Commissaries as yet respecting their prospects of collecting Specific articles although I wrote to them individually on that head. M^r Griffith of this County is beginning to receive flour tolerable fast but no Meat and our Market for these several days past have fallen off amazingly in that article insomuch that I have been obliged to break in on the quantity of Beef that was salted fit for the use of the Marquis Lafayette Detachment in order to supply the Issues at this Post which is now very considerable. I imagine the change of the money prevents people coming to Market at this time

[Th. Jefferson, Richmond, to His Excellency, President of Congress.]

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The inclosed letter will inform you of the arrival of the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay the extream negligence of our Stationed Expresses is no doubt the Cause why has yet no authoritic Account has reached me of a General Action which happened on the 15th Instant about a mile and a half from Guilford Court house between Gen. Green and Lord Cornwallis, Cap^t Singleton an intelligent officer of Harrison's Artillery who was in the action is this moment arrived here and gives the general information that both parties were prepared and desirous for action. The Enemy supposed about 2500 Strong, our Army about 4000. That after a very warm and general Engagement of about an hour and a half we retreated about a mile and a half from the Field in good order having as he supposes between two and three hundred killed and wounded—the Enemy between 5 and 700 killed and wounded—that we lost 4 peices of Artillery. That the militia as well as regulars behaved Exceedingly well. That Gen. Green he believes would have renewed the Action the next day, had it not proved rainy, and would renew it as soon as possible as he supposes—That the whole of his Troops both Regular and Militia were in High spirits and waiting a second Engagement. That the loss has fallen pretty Equally on the Militia and regulars. That Gen. Stevens received a Ball through the thigh, Major Anderson of Maryland killed and Cap^t Barrett of Washingtons Cavalry. Capt. Fountleroy of the same Cavalry shot through the thigh, and left in the field Capt Singleton having left Camp the day after the Battle does not speak from particular returns none such having been then made.