

c. s. c. come into the latitude of our Cape, if you have a strong wind in, and no danger of men of war or Tenders, push up the bay as far as possible, if you find a better chance of getting safe into any of the Inletts between Cape Henlopen and Cape Charles than into our Bay, you may push into one of them and send an express to the Council of Safety, letting them know where you are and what you have got, take care to land your goods as soon as you can under the directions of a Committee, for fear of being followed by Tenders or other armed vessels—in going out you are to take a brisk gale of wind or get out in the night; hope you will conduct yourself with care and industry, in the voyage—if you are chased & find you must be taken, throw all your papers over board with weights to sink them—should M^r Vanbebber not be at S^t Eustatia, or in that neighbourhood, you are to apply to M^r Rich^d Harrison at Martinique and deliver your letters for Vanbebber to him & follow his Directions.

June 20th 1776

Original.

[Dugan to Council.]

Baltimore 19th June 1776.

Gentⁿ Your fav^r of yesterday is now before me, desiring me to deliver the Schooner Three Sisters a load of your flour in my hands, but am at a loss to know the quality you would have shipped in that vessel, whether of the superfine or the common fine kind, and I further desire to advise you the state of the Ninety two's Cargo, as its all now landed a great part of which we find musty & sower, and in bakeing it up are oblig'd to pick out some good casks and mix with the bad in order to make the bread good & its keeping so. We have got a considerable quantity that we reckon exceeding good already baked and are still going on bakeing for your the publick acco^t the damage in the flour I take it is principally owing to its being packed in quite green casks, as when we take out the heads of many of them find the flour on the top as green as grass, and almost as hard as a board.

its geting cool fast, and hope you wont loose any of it, it appears to us hear it would answer you much the best to ship the 100 Bls flour of yours in Mess^{rs} Lux & Bowllys hands that has not been yet heated in a Vessel's hould, which with some of your Bread in Barrels & in kegs that was in the 92 and is now in my hands will make a good Cargo for this vessel three sisters to the West Indias as you mention.

I beg you may not immagin, I presume to dictate your Honourable Board, as you must know much better then I can