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[Barrister Carroll to Jenifer.]

My dear Major. I communicated your letter to the Gentⁿ you mentioned, they will with the utmost pleasure send their assistance to form a plan for the very good purposes you mention & would most willingly wait on you to dinner to morrow. But think it impossible they can get back time enough to meet the house in the afternoon. Will it be agreeable to the Governor & yourself to take a Scrap Dinner with me tomorrow. You know I cant give you meat but you shall both be most heartily welcome to what I can give you. We expect the convention will break up tomorrow evening. Pray let me hear from you tomorrow mor^g early. We must have a meeting

Jan^y 15, 1776. Y^r affec^t Hble. Serv^t Cha^s Carroll.

I wrote you a note about dinner time on the appointment of the Council of Safety w^h I hope you Rec^d

To the Hon^{ble} Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq^r

Original.

[Courtenay to Barrister Carroll.]

Sir. Your favour of 14th is now before me the contents of which I note. you may be assured that I want no other indulgence in loading the Brig Friendship then others are intitled to by Similar contracts and without vanity can say that I can execute such business on equal terms with any other in Baltimore, but I wish not to sacrifice a commission in giving advanced prices above my limits, as am pretty certain has been the case with some since my writing to you last, I wonder my application has been the first to raise the price as I have been told by several that the Convention was wrote to on same head, but when I wrote you first, the matter was only beginning & that with people who were buying on some private acc^t & note, or that of the Convention, which disabled those employed by them from executing their commissions as the County people & millers will always sell to those who give them most; nay some flour that I had bought two days ago, was taken from my door & given to another private buyer, who gave 13/ p^r C^t for it, under such circumstances, the market is at present; & unless some order is taken therein to put a stop to private buyers it appears that the public must be empeaded. I did inform the Committee that I had engaged between 4 & 500 Barr^s which was the case but bad weather has I must suppose stoped the wagons; I have about 170 Barr^s flour on board & the bread is ready but that must go in last, I shall go on with loading as fast as flour comes in, & follow your directions. I thought I could not do less then