

[Gov. Johnson to W. Bordley.]

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Annapolis 9<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778.

Sir.

I communicated your Letter to the Council; they and I are of Opinion it is improper we should promote any Measures for M<sup>r</sup> Sluby's coming back again; if he has done any Thing which may subject him to the Penalties of our Laws, our taking such a Step would be an honorary Engagement to interfere in his Favor, which we should not chuse to come into, but on a full Knowledge of all Circumstances. The Depositions you mention have not been produced here, as any of us remember, if any such should, they will not influence in your Disfavour 'til you have an Opportunity of Controverting them.

I am Sir &<sup>ca</sup>  
T. J.

W<sup>m</sup> Bordley Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
L<sup>t</sup> Kent County }

[Council to T. Sollers.]

In Council 9<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1778.

Sir.

We understand from several People that a general Suspicion is entertained in Baltimore Town that Cargoes of Flour have been shipped there and exported contrary to the late Act of Assembly; it is said to have happened in so many Instances as to Induce a Suspicion that there must be Negligence in the Execution of the Naval Office, which, we are informed, is wholly done by Deputy.

In a Department in which the United States are so much interested, and the Faith and Honor of this State in particular, is so much concerned, the Public and we, expect the most attentive and vigilant Conduct, and it claims too, the frequent Superintendance and Inspection, at least, of the Principal. We are desirous of seeing you on the Subject of the Execution of your Office and request you'll come to Annapolis to give us the Opportunity.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Tho<sup>s</sup> Sollers Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Naval Off<sup>r</sup> at Balt<sup>o</sup> }

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1778

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Valette Fifty Pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>