

- c. c. inclosed in your Letter of the fifth Instant and agreeable to Recommendations & Certificates from the Massachusett's Bay, several Vessels from that State have obtained Permissions to load here with Grain and Flour

We are Sir with very Great Respect
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His Excell^y Henry Laurens }
Pres^{dt} of Congress }

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[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Sept^r 1778.

Gentlemen.

By the last post, we received the Resolution of Congress, of the 2^d Instant, for giving Permission to the Eastern States to export Grain &^{ca} from hence to their own States; in Consequence of it, several Permissions are already granted: We do not know the Reason wherefore the Exportation is entirely confined to the Eastern Bottoms, and should be glad the Congress would revise the Resolution and permit our own People, if they please to export to the Eastern States, on the like Securities for landing their Cargoes. We cannot imagine that the Assembly will approve the Carriage of our Produce being exclusively thrown into the Hands of the Inhabitants of any of the other States: we wish a Continuance of the Embargo, and the detestable Practices of the Ingrossers, have made it the more necessary, indeed it is to be hoped that the Assembly will interfere to make them part from the Grain and Flour they have got into their Hands, for the use of the Army and our own Inhabitants. We yesterday received a Letter from the President with the Resolution of the eleventh from whence it may be inferred, Congress have had an exaggerated Account of Infractions upon the Embargo and, what cannot but be mortifying, coming to any Resolution on the Subject, looks as if Congress thought it necessary, not only to inform the Executive of the Fact, but to spur us to our Duty, than which, nothing can be more wanting in Truth. Immediately on its being said that Flour was shipping at Baltimore, every Step was taken which could be thought of to detect, punish and prevent, but, possibly, the Informer, we do not know who he is, might not so much care for any good Effect following from his Information, as to raise a Cry against Maryland; we have had many such Whigs in this State and the Neighbourhood of it. We are sorry to be informed, as we have been lately, by Letters from some of the Maryland Officers, that they have not been able to get Cloaths or Blanketts from the Continental Stores; it is high Time that those who were clad