

Original to the Auditors of the army for payment with instructions to forward the money as you shall direct.

The last letters from General Washington mention the return of Sir H. Clinton from an expedition supposed to be intended against New London, the loss of 14 light Transports driven on shore by a late storm on Fishers Island in the sound & the arrival at N. York of 28 sail from Europe & Halifax with some few troops, the number not ascertained. The French Minister hath received dispatches from Martinique dated the 6<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, the particulars have not yet been communicated to Congress, but we learn that the Intelligence is interesting & agreeable.

We are, with much respect, your Excellencys  
Most Humble & most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Philadelphia  
April 6, 1779

Geo. Plater  
Wm. Paca  
Wm. Carmichael  
John Henry.

[Gouverneur Morris to Delegates in Congress.]

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Notwithstanding our Endeavors we find it impracticable to lay before you a State of our wants or to say what supplies to them must be expected from the State of Maryland. The Measures taken to prevent the Comm<sup>ys</sup> from Preying upon the Public meet our warmest Approbation. In order to lessen Difficulties and obtain a speedy and effectual aid, we shall limit our present Demand to 10,000 Barrils of Flour which we wish may be delivered in this City upon the best terms possible by the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of July, as follows 2000 by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 3000 by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and 5000 in that Month. The Greater Quantity and the speedier the Delivery the more will the Public be benefited. Our Reason for wishing it delivered in this City is to avoid the horrid Train of Expenses which are incurred by transportation in the common way. We are

Your humble servants

2<sup>d</sup> April '779

By Orders Gou<sup>r</sup> Morris

C. B.

Wednesday 7 April 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Harvey Howard Twenty seven Pounds due him p<sup>r</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud<sup>r</sup>