

c. c. confine your Purchases to your own County, and pray advise us as soon as you can of the State of your Purchase

We are &^{ca}

Col^o Richard Dallam

[Council to W. Hyde.]

In Council 21st April 1779

Sir.

We hope you'll receive in Philadelphia upwards of 200000 £ from our Delegates, if you get that or any other considerable Sum, you are to endeavour to get a light Carriage or other Convenience for conveying it and also a Guard, as far as the Head of Elk, where Col^o Hollingsworth will, we expect, assist p. 236 you with what may be convenient and render you safe. If any Number of Gentlemen should be coming from Philadelphia, so that a Guard would be useless, you'll avail yourself of their Company. We would have you call on Col^o Henry at George Town & Col^o Perkins near Chester Town and leave with them the Money that may be necessary to pay for and continue their Purchases, taking their Receipts; we suppose 30000 £ may be necessary for each. You'll take from each of them a Memorandum of the State of their Purchases, by which you'll be able to judge of the Sums wanted. We need not particularly recommend to you to be careful, in Consequence of your Prudence we have requested you to go on this Business

We are &^{ca}

Col William Hyde

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779

Gen^t

We inclose you a Letter for Congress which be pleased to present for a large Sum of Money for the Purchase of Flour &^{ca} for the use of the Army. We have sent Col^o Hyde and M^r Howard up for it, we wish there may be no Delay and that you would have them assisted with a Carriage and, if necessary, a Guard as far, at least, as the Head of Elk. We do not think that less than 200,000 £ will by any means do, we have not more than 25000 £ of passing Money in the Western Shore Treasury and not a great deal in the Eastern. The Price of Grain and Flour is daily rising. Our Purchaser in Baltimore has engaged about 5000 Bushels of Wheat from 5 to 7-10 £ . We have ordered him to stop 'til we can see