

M^r Robt^t Buchanan, this will cost upwards of 30000[£]. M^r c. c. Dallam has purchased in Kent 500 B^{ls} of Flour, we do not know what he has done in Harford. Col^o Henry has engaged about 1000 B^{ls} of Flour in Kent, he has agreed to give the Philadelphia Price, deducting Freight and Carriage, and some Wheat. We have wrote him to make his future Contracts certain, he complains of Purchasers coming from Delaware, amongst them, Continental Purchasers, and raising the Price. Col^o Perkins in Kent has bought upwards of 200 B^{ls} at [£]15 p^{bi} the Casks at 25/. he has also engaged about 1000 Bushels of Wheat at the Current Price when delivered & expects about 200 Bar^{ls} & 1500 Bushels more; we wrote him, as we did Col^o Henry, as to uncertain Contracts. There is yet Wheat in Balt^o Harford, Montgomery, Frederick, Kent & a Little in Queen Anns, but we do not know where the Price will stop. We hear there's a good Deal of Flour in Baltimore, we expect M^r Rob^t Buchanan down Daily and design to consult, whether the deficient Quantity may not be got on the Water at once; we had better procure it, even at an advanced Price, and Save the Delay and Expence of Carriage We have advanced thirty thousand Dollars on the Recruiting Service. We never knew, 'til by a Letter from Gen^l Washington, rec^d p. 237 last Sunday, that the whole of the German Regiment was placed to Maryland, and our Rifle Companies under Col^o Rawlings a distinct Corps, presuming the latter was a Part of our Quota, we have drawn the 400 Dollars to the Officers: the other Day we advanced him 1000 Dollars for recruiting and, as he was ordered on a detached Service, we drew [£]1000 to be expended in Sugar, Coffee Spirits &^{ca} for the Officers, as is customary for our Officers & others: they never having yet been benefitted in that Way and the Service they go on, rather than any other, requiring it, we shall charge these Advances to the Continent Pray dispatch Col^o Hyde & M^r Howard with as much of the Money as can be got, less than 200,000[£] will do nothing

We are &^{ca}

Delegates from Maryland }
in Congress. }

[Council to Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779.

Sir.

We yesterday rec^d your letters of the 12th & 17th Ins^t. We have sent to Philadelphia for Money and now inclose you an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasury for 10000[£]. as much as