

Purchasers and favor us also with the Quantity of Flour sent c. c. forward since the 10th of this Month and what you have remaining on Hand. We are glad to hear that you are so well provided with Forage, we wish it removed We are &^{ca}
Col^o Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to R. Dallam.]

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In Council Annapolis 26th April 1779

Sir.

We yesterday received your Letter of the 23^d Ins^t; this incloses you a Duplicate of your Appointment, we cannot account for the Miscarriage of the first on any Supposition but the Negligence of the Sheriff, which is intolerable with Respect to public Letters. Cap^t Richardson of Montgomery, a Continental Purchaser, was reappointed by us, he chuses to draw the Money as before from the Continent for the Convenience of settling Accounts; if equally suitable to you, it would be agreeable to us you should do so, if not, we hope on Col^o Hyde's Return, to be able to furnish you fully; he is gone to Philad^a for Money for that Purpose. The Demand on us is only for 10000 Barr^{ls} 2000 by the first of next Month, 3000 by the 1st of June & 5000 in that Month. We look on it that we have upwards of 3000 Barr^{ls} in Wheat & Flour secured. The Convenience of Transportaⁿ to the Head of Elk, where we have requested all Flour to be sent to the Direction of Col^o Hollingsworth, makes it desirable to get as much as may be in your Neighbourhood, we wish you to push it forward as quick as you can. Our Letter was not intended to give you any Uneasiness or convey an Idea of our thinking you blameable; we have appointed Gentlemen in Kent who, we are confident, will attend to the Purchase with Diligence & Honor, and we think it desirable for the Purposes of Regularity & to prevent public Purchasers from being made use of against each other, that each be confined to his own County. We have the strongest Reliance that you will conduct this as you have other Business for the Public, the most for the general Interest.

We are &^{ca}

P. S. Advise us frequently of the }
Situation of your Purchase. }
Rich^d Dallam Esq^r

Tuesday 27 April 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Adam