

Hyde & Mr Howard the Money is much wanted. The ^{c. c.} Persons who are Rivals in the Purchase of Wheat and Flour have ready Money in their Hands, which, all the World through, is preferred to Credit. The Sum of 500,000 \pounds . is by no Means adequate, the Purchase will be very little so low as \pounds 15. a good Deal at \pounds 20 and we are afraid, more at \pounds 22 . . 10 perhaps upwards, besides Charges of Cask, Carriage and Commission. It is strange to report for 500000 Dollars to answer the Purchase, and pay us 30000 Dollars, now 40, advanced for the Recruiting Service; we hope that the rest of the Money necessary will be issued and sent us, without obliging us to send again for it; our Situation will be very irksome, to be dunned on one side and soliciting and waiting on the other. We have wrote to Mr Morris pretty fully, the Price is high and will probably be complained of, but it is enhanced by the Purchase for the Massachusetts, and the Damage done by the Frost is very alarming. We have a considerable Sum of the called in Emissions in our Treasury, we want to pay it into the Continental Treasury, towards Taxes. Mr Harwood does not think he has a Power to receive it as such, pray what's to be done with it? If he has such a Power, we wish you to have it, explained to him, if he has not, that it may be conferred or, if thought improper be so obliging as to inform us where and to whom we are to pay it.

We are &^{ca}

Delegates in Congress

[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 30th Ap^l 1779

Sir.

By Letters rec^d to Day by the Post, we are induced to request that any Flour which may come to your Hands of the State Purchase for the use of the Continent, instead of being sent forward to the Head of Elk may be stored in Baltimore 'til you receive further Directions concerning it. We should be glad to hear that you had Success in your Purchase. Col^o Hyde was waiting for the Money, he will be down soon Be pleased to let us know the State of your Purchase the 20th May as we may transmit a general Account as requested of us.

We are &^{ca}

Robert Buchanan Esq^r

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

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Sir

Having directed the Purchasers of our Appointment to send