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[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annap<sup>s</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir

The Reasons which induced us to recommend the Wheat & Flour to your Care was, an Opinion we had that you would expedite the Grinding of the Wheat, and we imagined the Transportation of the Flour to be immediately within your Province. The Shorts and Bran, we thought would be useful as Forage. The extraordinary Trouble & Expence you are at, ought to be paid for & we are willing to make you a just Allowance. The Whole is for the Use of the Continent, not a single Pound for this State and we wish that the Efforts we make, which are in Consequence of a new Duty laid on us by the Assembly and our Wish to forward the General Service, may be so heartily seconded, as that we may obtain the End, a plentiful supply for the Army. We inclose you a copy of our Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, from your not mentioning it, we suspect you have not received it: we also wrote to you the Day befor yesterday, advising you of our having received Intelligence of a Fleet being in the Bay; we have heard nothing of it since, though it seems to correspond with Intelligence received by this Day's Post from Philadelphia, of a Fleet of about that Number having sailed from New York. We think it would be prudent, not to let too much lie at the Head of Elk if, as some suppose, Virginia & Maryland should be their Objects, they may probably attempt to destroy the Stores at the Head of Elk

We are &<sup>ca</sup>Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Hollingsworth

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[Council to G. Reisberg.]

In Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris, by Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> desired, that the Flour purchased by this State for the use of the Army should be lodged in Stores on the Waters of this Bay under Inspection of Officers appointed by this State. That it should be at the Order of the Chairman of the Committee of Congress on the Comm<sup>y</sup> & Quarter master's Departm<sup>ts</sup> we have given Orders agreeable to M<sup>r</sup> Morris's Letter and suppose from that, the Flour was not to be put into the Commissary's Hands. If it should be necessary to transport any of it to Christeen, an Order must be had from the Committee &, if the Order is small, we can answer it with Flour which lies at