

C. C. not mention the Price at which you expect the Flour, nor where it lies; M^r Stevens says he believes that it is at the Head of Hunting Creek; if you buy it, we wish to continue there 'til further Orders. We believe the Quantity wanted will be made up, at all Events, we would not have you exceed £20 p C^t as much less as you can agree for. We are desired to return a General Account by the first Day of next Month to enable us to do it, mention to us as soon as possible, the exact Quantity you agree for, where it is and the Price. It must be ready by the 5th June as by that Time it may, perhaps, be wanted and ordered to be removed. You will consider this Purchase as closing your Commission

We are &^{ca}

James Sullivane Esq^r

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[Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779

Sir.

We have just received your Letter of Yesterday. Our Situation is such that we are not able to furnish Arms but by sending Part of the Few, by much too few, we design for the Defence of Baltimore Town & this Place Objects which the Enemy must certainly have in View, if they came with any Force up the Bay, in Preference to any other Parts of the State. We see by Col^o Bordley's Return of Arms he sent 15th Ap^l 1778, by Cap^t Weeks, 50 Musquets with Bayonets, & 50 without, your Return is much short of that Number. We have heard nothing of the Enemy's Movements since the 10th Ins^t when they took Portsmouth; we have had Vessels up which left Tangiers yesterday Morning, they saw nothing in the Bay; from their not coming up with so fair a wind as they were favored with, we are in Hopes they do not intend it. We shall be careful to communicate any Thing interesting as soon as we hear of it. By the first of June we are desired to make a Return of the Flour &^{ca} purchased and where it lies. We believe the Quantity demanded is procured and therefore wish you and Col^o Thompson, who be pleased to advise of it, to stop purchasing and, with all Expedition, furnish us with the State of your Purchases, that we may make the General Return as requested. We hourly expect to receive Money to settle all the Accounts our Treasuries will not bear further Advances

We are &^{ca}

Col^o W^m Hemsley.