

We have lately directed, that such Flour as was in Danger c. c. shou'd be carried to Christeen and have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Morris to give Orders, as to the Disposition of it; we had given these Orders before the Receipt of a Letter from the Board of War, which recommended the Removal of all Stores which lay in unsecure Places. I have been thus particular to shew that from the Variety of Orders given, none of them can reasonably be expected to have been punctually & systematically executed, the prior being in Execution after the posterior had been given in Philad<sup>a</sup>. I have already accounted to him for the Rise of the Flour, on much truer Principles than the injurious Suspicion that it is owing to the bad Conduct of our Purchasers. I would advise you and M<sup>r</sup> Gilpin to take the Affidavits of such Persons as are acquainted with the Facts or rather, if you can get them, to go with you to Philad<sup>a</sup>; the most that can be made of M<sup>r</sup> Gilpin's Conduct, in purchasing May's Flour, a Part of which was in Philad<sup>a</sup> is, that as to such Part, the Purchase was irregular which yet does not appear so clear to me, and if that and the Flour you sent to Philad<sup>a</sup> under our Orders, has occasioned your Brother's present Trouble, I cannot but think those who have treated him as you represent, will be sorry they have proceeded to such Lengths on an ill founded Suspicion. I am not acquainted with M<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris; but I would have you lay this Matter before him, his Rank and Character induce me to think he will contribute all he can to discover the Truth and prevent your Brother's Suffering for receiving the Flour when no Body else would. As to its being the Loss of the State, I have no Idea of it, it was purchased for the Continent and I have no Doubt but every Body who has had any Thing to do with it, has acted as they thought most to the Interest of the Cont<sup>r</sup>. You would do well to identify the Flour, to prevent Suspicions of giving a false Colouring to any. I hardly know what to say as to the future, its being removed or not, ought to depend on the Fleet's being gone out of the Bay or not, we have contrary Reports  
I am &<sup>ca</sup>

Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to C. Rumsey.]

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In Council Annapolis 1<sup>st</sup> June 1779

Sir

We are very sorry that there should be any Hesitation or