

c. c. them for Account of M^r Holker, Agent for the Marine of France, we wrote to the several Purchasers appointed by this State to send as quick as possible what Flour remained in their Hands, to Balt^o to be delivered there to M^r Smith, leaving a Power only in the Purchasers of Cecil & Kent Counties to send, on consulting with Col^o Hollingsworth, of the most convenient enough with what had gone before to make up the 5000 Barr^{ls} directed to be sent to Philad^a and the same Day sent a Copy of your Letter and Notice of our Orders to M^r Smith. We thought the Business was executing entirely agreeable to your Idea 'til the Rec^t of your Letter of the 25th July, a Copy of the Parts of which, relative to this Matter you have inclosed; on receiving it we again wrote to the Purchasers to follow M^r Smith's Orders as to the Disposition of the Flour and advised him we had done so, but the Day of our Rec^t of M^r Smith's Letter of the 25th July, or the Day before or after Col^o Hollingsworth and one of the Purchasers from that Part of the Country happened here, from whom we learnt that 7000 Barr^{ls} & upwards had gone forward to Philad^a. It would have given us Pleasure that the Purchase and Conduct of the 10,000 Barr^{ls} of Flour should have been to entire Satisfaction. The Gen^t who were appointed have generally and, we believe universally, exerted themselves but the Contrary Orders which we have been obliged to give have occasioned them a good Deal of Trouble and prevented their following a settled Plan, by which only Business can be well conducted. We inclose a Copy of your Letter of the 4th Ins^t rec^d the Day before yesterday, to M^r Smith which, we have no Doubt, will excite his Exertions

We are &^{ca}

Hon^{ble} Gouverneur Morris.

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Aug^t 1779

Sir.

The foregoing is a Copy of a Letter from M^r Morris rec^d here the Day before yesterday. From the Information we had, upwards of 7000 of the 10,000 Barr^{ls} of Flour purchased in this State, were some Time ago, sent to Philad^a. We have wrote to M^r Morris by this Post, and request you also to write to him giving him any Information you can on the Subject.

We are &^{ca}

W^m Smith Esq^r