

C. C.

[Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Sept^r 1779

Sir

This, we expect, will be delivered to you by some Person appointed by M^r Calhoun as Dep^y Q^r Master Gen^l to receive from our Magazine in Frederick 30,000 w^t of Powder for the Use of and to be forwarded by him to Philad^a for the Army. We inclose you a Copy of Col^o Beatty's Return of the Powder in the Magazine for your Assistance and request the Favor of you to superintend the Delivery & to take & transmit us a Receipt on the Invoice. We imagine, by much the greatest Part of our Stock is Cannon Powder & would have you deliver 25,000 of that Kind or if, on Examination, our stock is composed of a still greater Proportion of Cannon Powder we wish you to deliver a greater Proportion of it. We do not know whether strong Casks have been got to shift the Powder into, so far as you can, you'll be pleased to accomodate them with Casks which can bear the Carriage. Great Part of the Powder was imported from the Dominions of France, we wish it all to be reweighed, you'll attend to the French Weight exceeding ours about 10 per C^t

We are &^{ca}Col^o Normand Bruce

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[Council to Ewing and Buchanan.]

Circular.

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Sir.

We last night rec^d a Letter from his Ex^y Gen^l Washington dated the 28th of last Month inclosing a Copy of one to him from Col^o Wadsworth dated the 27th which give alarming Apprehensions of the Army's suffering for want of Flour & pressing extraordinary Exertions for a Supply. We do not know whether you have received fresh Instructions from Col^o Blaine on this Circumstance so unexpected by us, but whether you have or not, you may be assured that you cannot render more essential Service in your Department than in providing and pressing forward as quick as possible, all the Flour you can; it is an Object of too great Magnitude to delay, either for Formality of precise and regular Orders, or a Trifle in the Price and we doubt not you'll attend to it accordingly. If from your Circumstances it will be necessary to appologize to Col^o Blaine, we imagine this will excuse you, if not, we dare say Gen^l Washington's Letter will. Pray advise us of your Receipt of this and the Resolution you take in Consequence of it

We are &^{ca}

To Patrick Ewing, Cecil, & }
 Rob^t Buchanan, Balt^o }