

C. C. you for your Advice and Assistance to him, if he is able to do any Thing, the Gent. with whom he may contract may be assured of having the Money immediately sent and we shall be still more obliged that you will make yourself responsible if necessary

We are &^{ca}

Col^o Hooe

[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 5th Oct^r 1779

Sir.

Since the Receipt of your Letter of the 30th we have received one from Col^o Blaine dated the 28th last, he strongly mentions to us the encreased Demands for Flour and his bad Prospects in Pennsylvania, he concludes with saying "My Expectation of Flour from Maryland is very great, and have wrote the Purchasing Agents in the most pressing Terms, to procure all they possibly can and forward it without Delay I beg your Excellency and Council to give them every possible Assistance." There seems to be no Prospect of an End to your Embarrassments in purchasing with Money since Philadelphia has broke loose and the Expectation of the Embargo being taken off in Pennsylvania has spread itself, there can be no Hope of purchasing at the limited Prices. We wrote M^r Smith last Sunday, which we presume he has communicated to you, advising that the Continental and, if any, the French Salt should be immediately exchanged for Wheat and Flour. On further considering the Matter in all its Consequences, we are satisfied 'tis the best if not the only Resource that is left, adequate in any Degree to the present pressing Emergency; we are confirmed in this opinion by Conversations with several People and especially with a Gen^t from Harford who says he is satisfied that in three Days you might have lodged at the Mills at Bush Town, two Pounds of good Wheat for every Pound of Salt you have at Otter Point to be delivered there on the Receipts for the Wheat at the Mills being produced. An Exchange on such Terms, or what would be equal in Flour, 8000 of your 10000 Bush^{ls} of Salt would throw more into your Hands in three Weeks than you will probably purchase at any Price in three Months. In Conversation Yesterday with M^r Plater, he informs us that he was some Time ago advised by M^r Gov^r Morris that they had come to a Resolution of exchanging the surplus Continental Salt for Wheat and Flour and thinks it a mere Omission that Orders have have not been giving accordingly. It is of so much Consequence