

Salt ought to be given for and would command three Bushels c. c. of Wheat and other Salt in due Proportion. Do exert yourself to obtain and send forward what Flour you possibly can, no Time is to be lost. As far as you can, prevent the Salt falling into the Hands of People to sell again; pray write us frequently we are extreamly anxious to hear of your being in a good Way

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Robert Buchanan Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 16<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779

Sir.

We shall send you by the Plater in a few Days about 250 Bushels of Country made Salt, which we request you to exchange for Wheat, one Bushel of Salt for two of Wheat, which we have no Doubt, it will readily command, as this Salt was made upwards of two years ago, it must now be very good. We wish you to distribute the Salt as much as you can in the Exchange to make it as generally useful as may be and prevent its being sold again for Profit, and that you'll grind up the Wheat in Flour fit for the Army and forward it to the Head of the Bay, to be sent with the Rest. We shall be much obliged to you to expedite this Business all in your Power and shall at any Time be ready to settle the Account with you with Pleasure, and inform us of your Proceedings

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Col<sup>o</sup> Isaac Perkins

N B Only 200 Bush<sup>ls</sup> of Salt sent.

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 16<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779

Sir.

We yesterday received Letters from Congress desiring our Exertions in procuring Flour for the Use of our Army and empowering us to apply Money for that Purpose. We do not know that any Continental Agent is at present acting in so capital a Part of the Country for this Business as your County. Your Letter having notified us that you did not act & M<sup>r</sup> Giles, whom you mention to us as having been appointed, not yet having yet applied for a Licence. The Occasion is so pressing that, notwithstanding your Disinclination to transact public Business, we cannot but request your Assistance and desire you will, as speedily as possible, purchase what Flour you can,