

Liber C C hasten the manufacturing of the Wheat in your Hands; the Flour  
No. 22 and Wheat taken from the French Agents excepted.

The following Post script to be added, to the Commissioners for Baltimore County, "The enclosed Order on the Collector of Baltimore County for £8000 is sent at M<sup>r</sup> Stevenson's Request, contained in his Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>"

[Council to Mr. John Page, Kent County]

Sir—We have received yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> and approve of your Storing, at convenient Landings the Provisions collected in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army: they must certainly be transported with more Expedition as well as Ease by Water, than by Land and it must have been the Intention of the Legislature to furnish the Army in the Manner the least burthensome and inconvenient to the State, if it could be done with equal Speed and as you are peculiarly circumstanced, the Mode you have adopted is the most preferable. You are to retain in your Hands the Vessel and Grain, which is said to be the Property of M<sup>r</sup> James Hutchings, until you make a thorough and satisfactory Enquiry into the Nature of that Transaction. If the Cargoe is the Property of the State, the Vessel must have been freighted by some of the Commissioners to remove it, of this you may satisfy yourself without Difficulty. You have an undoubted Right to seize the Grain, Flour &<sup>ca</sup> which may be found in the Hands of M<sup>r</sup> Wederstrandt and every other Person under the Restrictions pointed out by the Law. We invariably directed the Commissioners to seize, as the Law warrants, all the Flour and Grain purchased for the French Agent, of which they are to take a particular Account and transmit to this Board, but no such Flour or Grain is to be removed or sent forward to Camp, without our further Orders; this is mentioned for your Government in such Cases. The Purchases of Millers are equally liable to Seizure, the Law makes no Distinction betwixt them and other Purchasers. The Ship Stuff and Bran you are to send an Order on the Collector of Kent County for £2000 and Certificates are herewith sent agreeably to your Request

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[Gov. Lee to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir Aaron Ringrose Skipper of a Boat with 117 Barrels of Flour, this Moment called upon me for Instructions as to its Destination. The Flour is sent by Col<sup>o</sup> P. Tilghman one of the Commissioners for Talbot County, who did not know to whom the Council and I would have it forwarded and by his Directions, I have been applied to. The wind is fair and the Man uneasy to get under way, I have therefore, for the Sake of Dispatch, which is essentially necessary at this critical Iuncture, and without troubling the Council in the Business, ordered him to deliver his Cargoe to you