

[Council to Honble Mr Holker]

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Sir Your Letter of the 10th June we have received and shall endeavour to have the Quantity of Flour you think necessary for the Use of the Fleet, lodged with M^r Smith, as speedily as possible. If it should not be in our Power (which we hope will not be the Case) to furnish the whole, agreeable to the Resolve of the General Assembly, as soon as there may be a Demand for it; that the Fleet may not be disappointed of the Supplies expected from us, we will give M^r Smith every Assistance necessary to accelerate his Purchase; we shall not have Occasion for any Bills. Your being at a Loss how we could be under any Difficulty in ascertaining the precise Quantity of Flour purchased for the Use of the French Marine, we can but attribute to the mistaken Opinion entertained by you, that the whole was seized by our Commissioners; if it had been so, we should not have applied to your Agent, M^r Smith, for Information on that Subject

[Council to William Smith Esqr]

Sir We yesterday received a Letter from M^r Holker, of the 10th Ins^t requesting us to comply with the Resolve of the General Assembly with all possible Speed and to place 4 or 5000 Barrels of Flour in your Hands for the use of the French Fleet. It gives us Concern that, from the Irregularity of the Returns made to us by the Commissioners and the Uncertainty we are under of the Quantity forwarded, we cannot point out where and from whom the Deficiency may be received immediately. M^r Donnellan receives the Flour from the Comm^{rs} of Baltimore and Frederick Counties who have had Orders to send it down without Delay. This we have directed him to place in your Hands as fast as it comes down, but as this probably will not be sufficient we have wrote to the Commissioners of Harford to reserve the Flour most convenient to Baltimore to be delivered to M^r Donnellan, who is directed to apply it, or Part thereof, that Way. We shall still remain under an uncertainty about Deficiency as we do not know what you have lately purchased, and request you to inform us likewise of what was exported before the Act for the Supply of the Army & if any, and of what has been returned by the Commissioners of the 15000 Barrels. This probably might be done best, by conversing with you, as we might mutually give Information on the Subject. The Importance of this Business, which we must all desire to have closed, induces us to wish you to ride down, if convenient

Saturday 17th June 1780.

Present as on yesterday.

Permission is hereby given Capt. Perient Trott to Transport from this State to the Islands of Bermuda three hundred Bushels of Indian

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