

Know that it was necessary as Col Blane in his Instructions to me November 2 says he would write to your Excellency himself and acquaint you of my Appointment neither could I have Sent it had I known it Necessary as Col Blane omitted Inclosing my Commission although he fully Intrusted & Authorized me to Purchase. I have Sent an Express this day to Philad^a for Cash by whom I shall get my Commission and will Inclose it to Your Excellency by first Opportunity.

You may rely upon my most Streneous Exertions to get a Supply for the Army and at the Same time keep the Price as low as Possible no Person can have a greater objection to the Exorbitant Price of Grain than myself as I have a very Capital Tax to pay & it certainly is the Interest of every Man who has a Landed Estate to keep the Price down, as we are in fact only selling to ourselves. I shall be Glad to receive your Excellencys advice & Instructions at any time. I mentioned to M^r Jenifer the Bearer of this I thought it might save Some Expence to the Continent for me to have an order on the Sherif of this County, for What Cash he Collects or a Part In which he agreed with me. If your Excellency should think Proper to give me an order on the Sherif for any Sum after I have sent you my Commission shall be obliged Interim I am with all Respect Your most obedient Humble Servant

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County to His Excellency
Thomas Johnson, Esqr]

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Sir Yours of the 10th Sept^r Relative to the Plank for the Galleys Came to hand the 20th Oct^r and Immediately Indeavour'd to Ingage the Thick Plank. But as no one was Incluable as it was Very trobelsom to saw so long and thick. I then went and bought it myself and got the Stocks but for want of Water Cannot at this time Inform you when it will be Ready. The 1500 feet of 1½ & the 1000 feet of Inch plank I have by me and the Thick plank shall be Ready as soon as posable, nothing being wanted to Compleat it But Water, I have never had it in my power to send forward the Eight Bar^s pork that Remains in my hands except I would have hired a Vesel On purpose which would not have Quit Cost Doct^r Houston has promis'd me to send it Up next week as soon as the plank is at the Landing shall advise the Gov^r & Council

[Isaac Perkins, Kent County, to Gov. Johnson]

November 5

Sir The salt you sent to me was thankfully received at the Exchange and went off in a few days and the wheat is Ground and the flour has been some days ready to Deliver but I could get no Craft here to take it to elk, and to Expedite the Conveyance I sent an express to Col^o Hollingsworth this day week to send a Craft for that and the flour I have for Col^o Ewing which he wrote he would do this week but she has not yet appeared.