

Service, by their late acts, that your Excellency and the council have no other View than to exert yourselves in favour of the American Army, and to present the evil consequences of monopolizing and forestalling: but as it is my duty to promote the King's service I am under the necessity of applying for a peremptory answer, & to request you'll inform me whether the Effect of the measures lately adopted will be any ways Suspended and whether you have discovered any solid and well founded reason 1th for not granting the above permit, when applied to by M^r W^m Smith & 2^{dly} for ordering the whole of the provisions to be wrested from him, & the disposal of any part thereof to be refused; I could have wish'd that at least after the seizure made by the commissioners, two thousand barrels of flour and one thousand barrels of the Biscuit had been forthwith redelivered to M^r Smith, on his giving a receipt thereof; this would not have been derogatory in my humble opinion to the spirit of the law, it would not have hindered you from supplying the immediate wants of the army, nor from discovering the full quantity of wheat and flour purchased by M^r Smith and would have avoided you the trouble & importunity of this my earnest address.

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His Majesty's Ship the Fendant cannot be retarded on account of the provisions, and must be relieved with all possible speed. three Vessels chartered by me & M^r W^m Smith for S^t Domingo are to leave the shores of America, under her convoy, if no obstacle be put to their departure, in order to obtain protection against the enemys cruizers: these reasons I hope will Justify my application & the necessity of your Excellency's interposition, so as no further interruption be given to my measures without it should be proved to be absolutely necessary.

If any Grounded complaint can be made of M^r Smith's transactions in behalf of the royal marine, I humbly request you'll please to give me notice thereof, so as I may direct my conduct in consequence for the greater dignity and interest of the Service of the Royal marine

[Luzerne Philadelphia to Gov "Simon" Lee]

Monsieur, J'ai l'honneur d'adresser à votre Excellence une lettre que j'écris à M. Cheese et dont je la prie de vouloir bien prendre Communication avant de la leur faire parvenu. Les inconstances presentes exigent plus d'union et D'accord que jamais entre les allies. Cést surtout en vous que j'ai eu Confiance pour le concours du Maryland. on ne peut recevoir des assurances plus satisfaisantes que celles qui m'ont été transmises par M. Plater et M. Forbes. J'en ignore point qu'ils ne fond que remplir les ordres de leurs Constituans et qu' aucun Etat n'est plus attaché a' l'alliance que celui qu'ils representent. J'avoue Cependant qu'il m'est desormais im-

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