

the Mills, but on settling my accounts with the Quarter Master April 21
 General up to the tenth of March (which I did very lately) those ex-
 pences are Objected to, as being out of the Department and belonging
 to this State, I must therefore beg the favour, of your Excellency &
 Honors that I may be Instructed and strengthn'd so as to be able
 to forward this Service, so far my Credit has supported it, but it
 will become Feeble in a short time if not supported, Certificates will
 neither pay for Nails, Waggonage or Casks, three Essential
 articles manufacturing and forwarding Wheat and Flower I am this
 moment served with the Inclos'd Express, from the Board of War,
 tho' I received a Letter Yesterday from that Hon^{ble} Board (directly
 contrary) as I have not Vessells sufficient for this service here, have
 sent Express to George Town Newtown and Baltimore for the Craft
 of those Places, and all others that may be there. I must Rely on
 your Excellency and Honors, for your support and Assistance, and
 also to keep look out Boats down the Bay, as there is no doubt, but
 the Enemy know of this Minuver, and may attempt to Circumvent
 it, pray send me some Cash, and the Accounts against this State shall
 come down as soon as in my power, but at present I am much
 thronged

[Edmund Jennings, Brussels, to Gov. Lee]

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Sir Having just received a Letter from a Friend, that informs
 me, that the State of Maryland has done me the Honour to nomi-
 nate me, among other Gentlemen, as a proper person, Subject to the
 Choice of his Excellency M^r Franklin, to sell their Stock now stand-
 ing in the English Funds, & transmit the same; I take the Liberty of
 addressing myself to your Excellency, to assure you, I receive this
 mark of my native Countries Confidence in the most sensible manner.
 Nothing can give me an higher Pleasure then to find my warm
 wishes & poor Endeavours, to serve the Common Interest meet with
 a public approbation. if I wanted any thing to Stimulate me to the
 Discharge of my Duty, & inspire me with a fresh love to my Country,
 & to the Cause of Liberty & Virtue, this Testimony from these,
 who are actuated by those great Principles would be a Sufficient
 motive. I know not whether his Excellency M^r Franklin will not
 find a more proper person among the other Gentlemen, nominated
 to Him for his Choice, than I am; but still my sense of the Honor
 done me by the State of my Native Country, & of the obliging In-
 tentions of my particular acquaintance & Friends will ever make me
 bear in my Memory this mark of approbation in the most grateful
 manner

By this opportunity you will receive from many the particular
 State of Europe at this Juncture which is so favorable to the Common
 Cause as can be wished the neighboring unprincipled Island is
 brought to the lowest Condition rent & torn within by religious &
 civil Distractions caused by its malicious Attempt against the United