

May 27 expecting it necessary. I will however continue to go on, till I receive your orders to desist. had I cash I have no doubt I could procure a considerable quantity.

P. S. the Board of Adm^y at Phil^a sometime past requested me to apply for some Cannon lent this State, to this application I have not rec^d any answer I'll thank you to enable me to give the necessary information.

May 27 [Robert Harris To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Governor of the State of Maryland and the Honourable the Council of State.]

The Memorial of Robert Harris of Baltimore Town Humbly Sheweth to Your Excellency and Honours.

That Your Memorialist and Several of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Baltimore and Harford from the Severity of the past Season and other unavoidable Causes were obliged to consume the Residue of their last years Crops of Indian Corn and from the known great advantage of having it upon their Plantations in preference of wheat or Wheat Flower and from the present almost unpracticability of obtaining that so beneficial an Article upon Deliberation conceived an exchange of Wheat Flower with a different part of this State where less quantities of Wheat was raised would be the most probable and advantagious Method of furnishing their Families with such quantities of Indian Corn as was absolutely necessary for their support not apprehending it by any means contrary to the Laws of this State to Exchange or Barter Articles prohibited to be exported out of the State for other prohibited articles within this State for the necessary consumption of their Families. In pursuance whereof they agreed with the Master of a small Schooner Boat to transport a small quantity of Wheat Flower consisting of Forty seven Barrels from Baltimore Town up the River Potomake and to return such quantity of Indian Corn from thence to Baltimore Town as might be procured by your Memorialist therefore And that Your Memorialist was entrusted by the other Gentlemen to make the exchange In Consequence whereof the Flower on the 24th Instant May at Mid Day & from a public warf was laden on Board the same Schooner in Baltimore Town and that upon the evening of the 26th Instant for the want of a favourable Wind to stand down the Bay Your Memorialist put into the River Severn for a convenient Harbour where a Certain William Middleton upon your Memorialists declaring he had Wheat Flower on Board the Schooner from an apprehension of Your Memorialists intentions of conveying it out of the State Seized and brought your Memorialist to this City where at present the wheat Flower and Vessel is detained From the State of the above Facts which are strictly true Your Memorialist apprehends that the Vessel and Flower cannot be legally seized and de-