

my present situation, my Letters to the Legislature were to the same purport. However I endeavored to obtain all the information in my power on the Subject; in order to transmit it to the Assembly & for this reason wrote to London & to B: Franklin Esq^r I received no answer to my letters to London, & my last on this Subject from his Excellency is dated the 17th of June in which he informs me that he had written to the Gentlemen in London and Inclosed them the act of Assembly, but had not then received their answer, I therefore take the liberty of advising you, Gentlemen, to address D^r Franklin on this subject, it will be particularly distressing to the State to be disapointed of the supplies they have ordered in Expectation of their being enabled to pay for them by these bills, funds for which they have had in the Bank of England several years it is indeed I believe the only State of the union which hath a fund in Europe & also one of the States in the union the most capable of fulfilling its engagements at home and abroad, if the British Governm^t interposes & prevents the payment of this money the state hath an Easy remedy, they may & I think will confiscate and sell immediately all British Property in the State & there is for a very great amo^t so that the Holders of the bills will in a very little time be reimbursed any advances which they may make, it would be particularly pleasing to me to have been of any use to M^r Stewart, with whose son in the American Army, I am well acquainted and whose gallantry would have distinguished him in any Country. I beg you to inform me of the success that attends your further inquiries on this subject & at the same time permit me thank you for the obliging offers & intelligence contained in y^r letter in return be assured that I shall be happy in occasions of shewing my sence of them

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P. S. any letters that you may be so obliging as to address me in future will reach me with more safety under Cover to Mess^{rs} Drouilhet & C^o Bankers at Madrid.

[Jos. Johnson, Kent County to Gov. Lee]

October 1

Sir Immediately on Receiving your Order and Instructions I wrote Col. Hollingsworth and also Sent the Instructions Relative to the Flour &^c procured by me now at duck Creek. that I was desirous to Deliver the property to him or Order as soon as possible but was sorry to find by his answer to my second Letter that a Copy of which I Enclose that he could not Receive this property at Duck Creek without your Special Order therefore on Information that Col^o Yeates was appointed to this buissiness I wrote a Letter to him Respecting this matter and also Informed him I was apprehensive that damage had or would Ensur as the flour had been Long packed and Lain in Store I Rec^d his answer that it was Ready to goe into an Examination of the flour at any time I would appoint but must Reject in Case of damage. I should be glad that your Excellency and