

either in wheat or Cattle for the Miller's gave the price allow'd October 7
by Law & some of them more for the wheat & Beef sells much higher, I have been offered a good deal of Beef lately but not under from 3½ to 4 Dollars 7 ½ and this is the proper season to purchase that Article if I am to buy & salt up any quantity of Meat this fall it is high time to begin to engage it, and should be glad to have your orders respecting this matter whether to purchase on the Hoof or by the pound and where the Salt and Casks are to be got

M^r Donnellan has applyd to me for a considerable quantity of Ship Stuff to mix with the condemn'd flour he is directed to get baked into bread please inform me whether I am to purchase what is wanted for that purpose.

I have not yet received any money on your orders except from the Town Collector and am nearly without any. I cannot get the new Money to circulate generally with the Millers & Farmers although most of the Merch^{ts} of this place have signed an Agreem^t within these few days to take it which I hope will be the means of getting it to pass pretty freely ere long

[Thos Price, Frederick Town to the Council]

October 8

Gentlemen I have received about 3500 Bushels of Wheat and upwards of one hundred Barrels Flour there are about two hundred & fifty Barrels of Flour manufactured and I shall now be able to send forward at least 150 Barrels if furnished with money. I have industriously endeavored to procure Waggon, but as I have no power to impress, I find it impossible to get a Sufficient number, unless I could assure the waggoners that they shall receive their pay immediately on their return. I have with difficulty engaged eight two of whom have caried their loads to Baltimore & returned, the other six will go in a few days. I agreed with them at £250 p^r Ton from Frederick Town & so in proportion for a greater or larger distance which sum is given by Mess^{rs} Johnsons for the cariage of Bomb shells & I could not procure them cheaper It is impracticable to proceed in the business successfully without Cash. Many of the coopers are poore and cannot afford to be kept long out of their pay they refuse to make Barrels for less than £6.15. I have endeavoured to contract for Beef for the new Emission but the people will not agree to take it until they see wether it will pass current. It is probable that about 50 or 60 Head of Cattle perhaps more might be bought at £90 7 ½ lb If your Excellency & Honors thought Proper to buy a quantity of Salt with Tobacco & have it lodged in Baltimore, to be served out to the Waggoners who carry flour at a price somewhat lower than the Merchants sell at, it would be a strong inducement for them to hurry down, and I think any number might be had, the Bran & sherts will soon encumber the Millers much, & I wish to be instructed what is to be done with them. I have directed