

October 8 the Millers not to sepperate the middlings from the fine Flour it will be a saving to the state, till I know your pleasure respecting it. the Wheat in general is fine and the best Judges amongst us say that the Bread made of the coarse & fine mixed will be very good I have directed that no Flour be received from those that pay Flour, but what is merchantable you will be pleased to inform me whether you would the whole of the wheat manufactured into merchantable Flour or wether part may be mixed with the middlings as above mention'd and what proportion, as soon as I am favour'd with your commands I shall pay due attention. it gives me much Pain that the Business I am engaged in is not more forward but I can safely declare that I have assiduously exerted my abilities to answer your Expectations & desires, and that I shall not be wanting in my endeavours to discharge the trust reposed in me.

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[Rich'd Dallam Harford County to His Excellency
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Sir I had the Honor to receive Your Excellencys several Letters of the 26th Ultimore of the 6th Ins^t I am now engaged in preparing my different Returns as Required for the General Assembly and will if Possible have them ready in time. The first sum of New money sent me I have still on hand it being in no Credit & will not be taken for any thing I want to purchase.

I have been so much confined at my Office that it was out of my Power to Visset the Farmers myself for the purpose of Purchasing Wheat &c but from the Accounts rendred me from different Persons I have sent out on that Business. I find that neither Wheat nor Beef can be procured without Cash & the price asked is much higher than I can think myself Justifiable in giving had I money to give, I am at a loss to know what steps must be taken to Compell payment of the 15 p C^t. Tax from those Classes which did not procure substitutes The Law I apprehend does not order Executions to be Issued untill the recruits were enlisted tho it certainly was the intention of the Legislator that they should therefore should be glad to have your Excellencys directions.

The Attention of our Farmers time has been taken up with their Fruits so that very Little grain is yet thrash'd but I am in hopes in a few weeks their Wheat will be ready for market & if I can be furnish'd with such money as they will take I may be able to procure a considerable Quantity

What Cattle I have shall forward immediately & I hope I shall be able to Procure 40 head by next week as I shall stake the remains of my Property as security for payment but should be much obliged If your Excellency will let me know the most that I ought to allow or what is given by others I know I must exceed 90£ p C^t