

this Board for supplying the Army, put in Execution, and that you make us a Return of the Quantity of Flour and other Articles of Provision the County Commissaries have a Certainty of procuring. As the Demands of the Army are very pressing, we wish every possible Exertion and Dispatch may be made. The Flour must be collected at the most convenient Places on navigable Water and shipped as soon as Craft can be procured, for our Army in Virginia, You will give Directions to the several County Commissaries to purchase good Flour, not exceeding 16/8 p Cent payable in the late Emission, or to procure by Loan immediately a Quantity of Wheat or Flour payable in Kind, as soon as collected by Taxes for which Certificates are to be given bearing an Interest of 8 p Cent until paid, if the Lenders require it. You are also empowered to grant impress Warrants to the several County Commissaries to impress Waggons, Teams and Vessels for the Purpose of Transporting all the Flour collected, to the Army in Virginia.

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[Council to Doct'r Ephraim Howard.]

Ibid.  
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We have received your Letter of the present Date offering Spades, Pick Axes and other Tools for intrenching. As soon as this gets to Hand be pleased to send down a Waggon with what Number you have of all Parts already made and we wish you to continue making of Axes, Hatchets and intrenching Tools of all Kinds, we will take all you have or can procure within 14 Days from this Time, send your Account and the Charges of Waggonage, and the Money shall be paid to your Order; your patriotic Exertions in this Business will be very agreeable and of singular Service

[Council to President of the Special Council.]

Ibid.

We have received a Letter from His Excellency General Washington and another from General Lincoln of such great Importance and pressing Necessity that we think the Common Good requires us immediately to transmit Copies of them to your Honorable Board and to solicit your utmost Aid and attention to procure and forward the supplies which the Army appears so greatly to want Letters of Requisition in the strongest Terms have been written to the Commissaries General of both Shores to collect the public Flour and Wheat, and to grind up the wheat without a Moments Loss of Time; but we are very apprehensive that those Collections will prove too slow and too small to answer the great Purposes necessary for the immediate support of the Army. We have nothing to depend on to purchase with but the Money of the last Emission, but have strong Hopes that very considerable Quantities of wheat and Flour may be procured from generous and public Spirited Individuals on Loan, to be repaid in Kind and with Interest if desired, out of the public Taxes, in a few Months. The high opinion we entertain of the Opulence