

this would be the most frugal and eligible plan for You to proceed upon I will agree any Carpenter a judge of work shall examine and set a price upon the Hull, which may be repaired and at Sea in a month

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[W. Smith to His Exy Thomas S. Lee Esqr In Council.]

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As I have rec^d orders to remove the bread in my possession from the several Bakehouses to the Kings Store & transport a part thereof to Delaware. I would be glad to know the determination of y^r Exc^y & the Hon^{ble} Council as soon as convenient on that head, If you choose to have any part thereof it will be unnecessary to go to the expence of removing it from where it now is untill delivered to your order. I believe the quantity you want can be delivered at a short notice.

I will either take 17/6 p hundred or 1^{lb} of merchantable flour. If it is not convenient to make immediate payment I will wait a reasonable time, and take the exchange at the time payment is made; but should that exceed a month or two interest will be expected, your answer by M^r Ridley on Monday will oblige

On looking into the order delivered me last night for the flour, I find I am to receive but 75 b^{les} of flour for 506 B. of wheat. I tho^t it had been determin'd to pay the same weight in wheat. If this is a mistake your Ex^{cy} will please to have it rectified you'll also please to observe that the order does not specify any weight of flour, but the number of barrels.

[Will^m Wilkins, Annapolis To the Hon^{ble} the Governor and Council] March 24

At what Price is the Cloathing furnished the Troops of the Maryland Line (not properly chargable to the Continent) to be charged? are they to pay the Price at which the same might have been bought at the commencement of the present war, the Price directed by a Resolution of Congress of the 25th Nov^r 1779 or the Price at the Time of Delivery?

To The Hon^{ble} The Govournor

[Endorsed " Referred to the Commissioners for Settling & adjusting the Pay of the officers & Soldiers of the Troops of this State."]

[War Office, Philadelphia, to Colonel James Wood, Superintending the Convention prisoners.]

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The very considerable desertions which have prevailed among the Convention prisoners and the repeated neglects on the part of the British Generals to pay for their support have long been matters of serious Consideration and furnish undeniable proof of a System, the evils attendant on which require an immediate remedy.