

The Assembly promised that the most speedy measures should be taken to obtain money to pay the Certificates given by the Commissary for Horses seized. I am desired to ask when the payment of those Certificates may be expected in Cash & how to be obtain'd. I have several hundred Barrels of Corn flour & midlings on hand which I fear will spoil & should be glad to know how I am to dispose of them I have delivered Col<sup>o</sup> Smith 500 Barrels of Good flour I am preparing all I can for him. July 22

Your Excellencys directions & answer to the above & whatever may elce relate my Department by return of the Bearer will oblige His most ob<sup>t</sup> Hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>, in Council.] July 22  
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And please your Excell<sup>y</sup> & Honours Having received no answer to my last, and being in the greatest difficulty, for want of money to execute yours, and M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Smiths orders in the business of the State, which was then and is now Suffering for want of money to carry it on, I had in consequence of M<sup>r</sup> Smiths direction, forwarded to Philadelphia for Sale some Flower in order to defray the expence of the rest, and to my great Mortification and disappointment not only that, but a parcel I had sent by M<sup>r</sup> Smiths orders to be delivered to M<sup>r</sup> John Purviance, are both condemned, as I am really afraid all that I can make out of the Materials I have will be, as the Wheat, and meal, sent me are bad, and the Inspector very particular, having great quantitys of flour to choose out of; the greatest part from this State has undergone the same fate, the wheat lately received from Harford County has been damaged before it was put on Board the Vessel, by being (as I am informed) removed when the Enemies Cruisers were up the Bay to a Granary with a bad roof, and was there wet with the rain, was after removed to the water and stored where it heat, and is now musty and will not make good flour, the meal collected by the several Commissarys I described to Your Excellency & Honours in my former letters, nor is there cask better, as they assist to condemn the flour; the flour condemned is part of it of that bolted over again by M<sup>r</sup> Smith's order, and part made under directions of M<sup>r</sup> Baruch Williams in this county, since I had your orders for making the half of the wheat on hand, into superfine and the other half into Common, it has all fared alike condemned (without the benefit of the Clergy) I have acquainted M<sup>r</sup> Williams of it, and Col<sup>o</sup> Dallam of the wheat, the flour condemned I have with the advise of our Delegates in Congress, and my Brother who I had consigned it to, delivered over to the Commissary and shall obtain his receipt for it on account of the state; I am filling some orders of M<sup>r</sup> Smiths which he has given on me for flour by boulting it over