

M<sup>r</sup> John Ross inform'd M<sup>r</sup> Mullahon that he wanted ab<sup>t</sup> Six hundred Barr<sup>ls</sup> of flour at Baltimore & that he wou'd supply us with money, if you cou'd let him have that quantity or a part of it. If you shou'd be of opinion that it wou'd be to the advantage of the State to persue that measure, until a reasonable price can be obtaind for the Tobacco (M<sup>r</sup> Mullahon says 15/ 7 C<sup>t</sup> in cash cannot be obtained for what he has on hand) we shall be glad to receive y<sup>r</sup> directions to treat with M<sup>r</sup> Ross, or any other person who may want flour in Baltimore.

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21<sup>st</sup> The president informs us that he has forwarded the passports

[James Lloyd, Kent County, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

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M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon is very desirous to see her husband M<sup>r</sup> Charles Gordon before he embarks from New York for Scotland where he writes her he intends going very soon. He informs her that he has good reason to think something favorable to the fortunes of his children may turn up if she will consent to his taking some of them across sea with him and permission can be obtained from the Executive of this State for them to come to him; and requests in case M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon consents that she will appoint a time for their meeting. The character of M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon truly amiable and respectable and the attachment of her father and brothers (three of whom belong to the Navy of these States) to the Independance of America fully persuade me that I do not desire an improper thing when at her instance I request the favor of you to furnish her with the necessary passes and permits.

[David Poe, D. Q. M., Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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Your Excellency will herewith Receive an Invoice of one hundred Barrels of Flour which is the number you wrote for to M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun. We have had every Barrel this Day Examined which is Fresh being neither musty nor Soure, perhaps the Quality of some part of it may not be so good as might be Expected, but it is the best we have and what we Receive from the State, the law only allowing the Bran and Shorts to be taken out. I am sorry the last sent proved Bad, only a few Weeks Since we Received it, there was Arbitrators called to Judge betwixt the State and the United States and they Allowed that it was Good agreeable to the Present Law

NB. The Invoice was sent to the Issuing Comm<sup>y</sup>

Recv<sup>d</sup> Baltimore Aug<sup>t</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1781 from Matthew Swan Con<sup>l</sup> Store Keeper one Hundred Barrels flour in Good Order W<sup>t</sup> N<sup>t</sup> Twenty two Thousand four hundred & Thirty seven pounds as 7 Invoice Which I Promise to Delver at Annapolis being for the Use of the Troops, Under the Command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood for which I have Signed two Recp<sup>ts</sup> of the same Tenor & Date

Edward [illegible]