

[Thos. Barclay, Philadelphia, to His Excell'cy Governor Lee.] August 25

Having had the honour of being appointed to attend the Public Commercial business in France, and intending to Embarque for that Kingdom in a few weeks, I take the liberty of making to you and the State of Maryland an offer of any services in my power during my stay in Europe assuring your Excellency that if I Can have an opportunity of being usefull to either it will give me much pleasure The Conducting the Public Supplies from France for the United States Generaly will Come under my Care, but probably your State may have Commands exclusive of those given me by Congress. Shou'd that prove the Case I shall think myself much honour'd in the Execution of them.

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr. In Council] August 25
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And please your Excellency and Honours Your favour of the 14th (by Capt. Concoa) I am honoured with, as also one hundred pounds of the new Omission which I thank you for, not that it is of any use to me in making payment for executing the business of the State, or your orders but as it gives a Sanction and shews the will for the deed, I must put up with it, and if I possibly can will circulate as Specia, otherways shall return it, I had opened my Subscription and had the promise of several Subscribers to a considerable amount, and was indeavouring to procure the promise of more when the money met with a stroke at Baltimore which struck it up here for the present, which as we lay in a direct line between that place and Philadelphia it cannot recover untill it will pass at one of those places, as soon as that is the Case I shall attempt it again and set an Example by subscribing 500£. I observe your orders regarding flour, and have had near 500 Barrels of Meal bolted over again to fill your order in favour of M^r Smith, without getting one Barrell to pass, and as the flour that now comes is all rather Stale, I am in no expectations of getting any in that way that will do for the Philad^a Market, (as the new flour is now coming in there) and the demand very flat. I have therefore delivered over to Col^o Yeates yesterday one hundred and fifty four Barrels that I received the day before from M^r Charles Blake of Queen Anns County, in pretty good order, though too Stale to run the hazard of bolting over again with a view of serving M^r Smith as experience has now taught me that stale flour ground and put up according to the Act of Assembly will not do for the present Philadel^a Market (dress it as we will) and the Extra expence attending the bolting it over again and procuring waggons, Casks, nails, Coopers &c^a is very considerable not one shilling of which the state money of either old or new omission will pay, I shall therefore in future deliver all the old flour over to the Quarter master or store keeper that he will take, and if he rejects any, that can be