

August 27 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency Thomas Sim  
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And pleas your Excellency and Honors. Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> was yesterday Rec<sup>d</sup> I observe the Contents and as I wrote you the 25<sup>th</sup> that there was Little or no prospect of making Flower fit for Philada or Foreign market of the meal I am (and have been Receiving) as it was not intended for it originally, and is now the worse of being kept too Long as tis mostly Stale and some of it a little Sour, and I have Rec<sup>d</sup> no wheat for a considerable time save a parcel from Col<sup>o</sup> Dellam of which I wrote you of its being Wet, so as to render it unfitt for flower for M<sup>r</sup> Smith, of course unfitt for M<sup>r</sup> Riddle, you will observe by my Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> that I have ordred the greatest part of the wheat of the present Collection in the adjacent Countys to be sent hear, soon after its arrival you shall have it in Flower of any quallity that is wanted. I am this morning waited on by M<sup>r</sup> Morton assistant to Col<sup>l</sup> Blain with a Copp<sup>y</sup> of a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Morris to the Col<sup>o</sup> on the subject of provisions, a Copp<sup>y</sup> of which is inclosed by which you will observe a demand is made on us for three Hundred B<sup>bls</sup> Flower and as much salt provisions to be finish'd Immediately, the Flower I can answer for as near that quantity is ready at the post and adjacent Mills of Flower that will answer this purpose though not fit for Philada or Foreign Market, the salt Provision is not to be had hear, nor do I know of any save 18 B<sup>bls</sup> Pork & one of Beef Reported me yesterday, by M<sup>r</sup> Jas. Sullivan, which provision with Eighty B<sup>bls</sup> Flower Lays at Choptank Bridge, which I am at a Loss how to get remov'd hear, as I have neither money that will pass or Credit but have ordered a small quantity of Flower to Philada to be sold (if it will bare Inspection) to defray the Expenche of several necessary Expenditors hear, and if I suckseed in it so as to get the money, shall be able to Execute this or any other order of a small nature; tis M<sup>r</sup> Mortons opinion with my own that Cattle must be had to answer the place of salt provisions, Col<sup>o</sup> Blain wrights M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun on the Subject as dose M<sup>r</sup> Morris your Excellency and Honors, I therefore wait your Orders which I am impatient to Receive as the Service seems to require an Exertion

P. S. Shall be down with my Deliverys as soon as time will permitt

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May It Please Your Excell<sup>y</sup> Yours of This Day by Express Just Came to hand, The Two Brass Field Peices with The Arms shall be sent Down To Morrow; The Quantity of Musq<sup>ts</sup> Cartridges I've Ready made is 35,000 and about 250<sup>lbs</sup> w<sup>t</sup> Lead not made up. I've blank Paper Cartridges made up for our Iron Field Peices but no ammunition is Ready Fix'd. I have This day serch'd The Town Over and Cannot find any Blankets or Cloth suitable for The Purpose Col<sup>o</sup> Smith Purchased all There was suitable for Soldiers Cloathing Last