

September 15 there must be a very considerable quantity coming in dayly from Fred^k & Washington Counties as I have repeatedly wrote the Commissaries of those Counties to forward what they had or could get with the utmost expedition & enclosed each of them warrants for impressing Waggons for the purpose.

I sincerely join in congratulation on the Junction of the Fleets and their success, it affords a pleasing prospect to every good Whig & lessens the hopes of the Tories

September 15 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency Thomas Sim
Red Book Lee, Esq^r. In Council.]
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And please your Excell^{cy} and Honours Your favour of the 30th August came duly to hand with the £250 which should have been answered sooner had not the continued throng I have been in ever since prevented it, the flour I now have on hand is about 500 Bb^{ls} and about one hundred head of Cattle for this State with about five hundred Head of large Oxen belonging to the continent, these oxen together with about three times that number which I was (by your order) obliged to supply with Forage and pasture, has made a very considerable consumption in the Forage and pasture of this County which renders it difficult to obtain pasture now, (and I fear more so hereafter (for our state Cattle) I have therefore wrote to M^r Voorhees & Casson to have what cattle he has collected put out to pasture in Kent and Caroline Countys, where I will send for them when wanted, and if large quantities should come shall be obliged to send them over to the Delaware state where pasture is plenty, (though they wont take one shilling of our State money) In all payments in our State I pay the People one half hard, the other State, this I do from necessity, as there is no other way of possibly getting on with the business in this County, tis so near the Line that should I urge the whole in State it would have a great tendency to depreciate it. I have consulted some of the first men in the County (in my difficultys) and they recommend it—the flour delivered in Philadelphia I have not yet got a return of as soon as I do shall send it—there is large Quantitys of wheat collected in my district (among some of which the fly is begining to be busy) which I fear must suffer as there is very little water with the Mills below, and all the Vessels are taken up in the transport service so that I have not one to forward the wheat to where it might be Manufactur'd with certainty and dispatch nor have I any wheat in the Mills (I have so often recommended) will thank you for any assistance the service will admit of in obtaining craft to forward the wheat

Inclosed is a copy of a letter from Col^o Blain this day received, by which your Excell^y & Honours will observe that a quantity of Salt provisions are expected of us, as Barrels and salt are both wanting—before any thing of this sort can be gone into, I shall wait your