

[Moses Rawlings, Hagers Town, to James Calhoun, Esq.] September 16

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your favour of the 10th Ins^t and also your other Letter—you may rest assured that nothing in my power shall be wanting to Expedite the business, I have this Day Employed an Industrious Man to Impress Waggons to forward the flour in this County to George Town—for want of means it has not been in my power to procure Barrels sufficient to Grind up the wheat, the Commissioners have now allow'd me to pay for Barrels in Wheat, and have a number of Coopers now at work. I expect to start off a Brigade of Waggons next Monday with Flour and shall continue to send.

Never was such times to do Public business I have not money to bare my Travelling Expences as no kind pass in this County but hard Cash.

You wrote me for an accurate Account of all the Provisions in this County, which I will send you as soon as I am a Little at Leisure, I am so hurried at this time in procuring of Cattle for the Army that I have not a moment to spare, am riding almost night and Day on Public business. I see the great necessity we are in at this Time for Provisions for the Army and you may rely on my Industry & activity

[Thomas Price, Frederick Town, to James Calhoun, Esqr.] September 19

When I received yours of the 10th Ins^t I was then confined to my Bed by sickness, which occasioned some Delay—but the Impress Warrant & Stile of your Letter both convincing me that the greatest Expedition was necessary to be used, I immediately employed proper Persons who partly by means of the Warrant and partly by fair Words, engaged many Waggons, some for Baltimore & some for George Town according to the Situation of the Mills, & accordingly I have the pleasure to hear that many are now on their Way, The not general Currency of the late Emission has been & still continues to be a great Remora in the Way of purchasing Flour Bb^{ls} the Want thereof being a general Complaint with the Millers By the best Judgement I could form I believe I might reckon upon 1000 Bb^{ls} of Flour at the several Mills, about 300 of which I judge may now be delivered at Baltimore & George Town, & by the last of next Week, I promise myself the whole will be delivered Could I have acted myself immediately upon the receipt of your orders probably I should have succeeded better than I did by my agents, but as it is I am happy to think that there is such a prospect of its being all down so soon. Since my Recovery I have seen most of the Millers who have all promised to grind up the Wheat on hand as fast as possible & to endeavour to engage Waggons in their Neighbourhood to carry it away as fast as ready, this I can promise you that my utmost Exertions shall not be wanting. I have received an order from the Governor & Council to