

taken the liberty of applying to your Excellency in Council and shall be much obliged by directing me as hasty information as possible that I may be enabled to comply with my order.

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I beg leave to mention that M^r Dan^l Hughs informs me that they never Cast any twelve pounders for the State,

[Wm. Smith, Baltimore to the Honble J. Holker.]

February 5

In consequence of the misfortunes attending the Ship Defence, Her Cargo of flour, together with several quantitys delivered me by order of the Gov^r of Maryland &c^a for the use of the Royal Marines of France, has remaind in my hands untill it became sour & unfit for use, which occasioned my having it baked into ship bread expecting thereby to have it preserved for his m^o Christian Majestys fleet & Army, but as the approaching warm season is near at hand, and there now remains in store from 1500 to 2000 barrells of this bread. I would beg leave to recommend your taking such Steps for the disposal thereof as you may Judge most expedient, for though I am of oppinion this bread is sound & fit for immediate use yet I apprehend as it has principally been made from flour produced from wheat Injured by the fly I much fear, if it is not soon disposed of it will prove a total Loss

[Benjn Wickes, Cedar Point, to Gov. Lee]

February 5

This will inform you that M^r Shepard in a Sloop, in company with a schooner both belonging to M^r Tho^s Rutling, arrived here on the 2nd since which time I have put on board the sloop four hundred & thirty five barrels flour, and think it prudent to send her off without the schooner as there is a fair wind and an apparent good chance to get safe up, the schooner shall be loaded to morrow if possible there will be about one hundred barrels left of the Cato's Cargo after the schooner is loaded.

[Jno Dorsey & Co., Annapolis, to the Governor and Council.]

February 6

The schooner Nautelus is got off, and is now Safe at Baltimore, with her Guns Sails & Rigging her Cargo of flour was Landed near Cedar Point, by the Militia and we are informed by Capⁿ Kerstead that about 150 Barrells were not injured, and that the Residue was but Little Damaged, and that the whole is now under the Care of a Maj^r Taylor who Claims Salvage, if the State will Purchase a Load of Flour we will still proceed the voyage to the Havanna, under the terms and Agreeable to the Former Contract, but our Losses render us unable to Advance for another Cargo—we wish to be informed what the Government will do with the Flour, what Compensation the owners of the Schooner are to Expect for the Damage done the Vessell, the Expencc of Raiseing & Saveing her and her Sails &c^a and when they are to be paid for the Cargoes of the Fox and Naute-