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Collection and some of my old purchase must continue on hand attended with great loss, unless I can be supplied with Barrells from Annapolis or elsewhere, I have taken every Step in my power to procure them here without any prospect of Success.

I believe a considerable Quantity of Pork will be paid in the County for the next January Tax—several applications have already been made to me, and as the time draws near, if I am to receive it. I could wish to be furnished with Salt in time. I have engaged some pork Barrells and think there is a prospect of getting a Sufficient number for what pork may be Collected here.

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[Stephen Steward, West River, to the Gov & Council.]
(P^r Captain Harrison)

I have a vessell about the sise of the Porpass which we Intended to have loaded with flower If the State would have Paid us any thing to Inable us to have Bought the flower finding wee are not like to Git any thing with Sertenty from the State the winter now advancing fast so that wee are Runing the Danger of our vesell being Stopt with the frost wee have Determined to Load with tobacco and flower the tobacco wee have by us the State Holding so much Muny of ours wee are not able to Buy the flower without Seling some of our affects therefore wee begg the favor of you gentelmen of the Counsell to send up 50 bar^{ls} of your best flower If it is Convenient to you an order on your Comesery at Baltemore town would be most Convenient to us Wee have a Quanti^{ty} of tobacco In Phil^a which wee have ordered to be sould for Cash at any Price the muny wee Cant git In time to Buy the flower or we would not be so trubel-som to you you may Depend in having the flower Returnd In ten Days or suner after Calling for it If you have not flower the milers will Give up flower for Wheat If you will send up wheat, the assembly & Counsell Borrowed the Porpass of us last winter She Returned to us a wreck it tuck up near two months to Repair hir hull hir Rigen Sails masts yards and spars was so shot to Pises wee ware oblige to git Everything Intierly new which Cost us £800 when wee Got hir Completed so as to be fit to take In a Cargo wee Chartred hir to the Counsell wee then Bought a load of fine flower for the State which Cost up about £600 wee sould a Parsel of Goods to the State to the amount of £1800 to Cloath the Souldiers with which wee ware to be Paid for last May the galle I have advanced full 1600£ Hard muny If I Charge my mens wages these advances with many Capetel misfortunes occations me to ask this faver of the lone of 50 bar^{ls} of flower of you the Nesbitt the state kept hir two months from us with Near about 40 Hands at our Expençe I think on the hole it would be much better for my Purse If I had