

ought to be taken out; your Flour, send forward as quick as possible to
the Head of Elk, as it may be sent on to Philadelphia. We wish in your
Agreements you would fix the Price absolutely, as you may not be embarras'd
about the Settlement hereafter. The Middlings and Ship Stuff, we cannot
conceive, will be useful & therefore would not have you purchase it.
If we find it absolutely necessary, we shall give the Power of seizing, but
is the Intention of the Act, that the Measure should not be taken, but on
the most pressing Occasion. If you can contract from £9-10- to £11-0-
for Wheat, and £17-10- to £18-15- for good Flour, we think, you had
better go on, you shall be very soon furnished with Money. You must
hire Carriages to transport the Provisions; if not to be hired, on Informa-
tion given us, we shall send an Order to have them impressed
Col^o Isaac Perkins. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779.

520 Sir. The Persons Appointed in consequence of the late Act of Assembly of this
State to purchase Wheat, Flour, and Bread for the Use of the Continental
Army, are in Want of Money to proceed in the Business. We are advised
that about 10,000 Barrels are wanted; our Treasury is by no Means able
to advance the Money; if the Quantity is procured, it will not cost
much, if any Thing less than £500,000. We have lately advanced about
30,000 Dollars for the Recruiting Service. We request that Congress will
furnish us, through the Hands of our Delegates, with as great a Part
of these Monies as can be immediately issued and the Residue as
soon as at all convenient; the Purchasers already have a Demand
on us for upwards of 100,000 £ and any Delay may produce very
disagreeable consequences - We have the Honor to be &c.
President of Congress.

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779.

521 Sir. Col^o Wm Henry informs us that you have been purchasing Flour
in Kent County. As there are Purchasers appointed in that & every
other County in the State, we request you to confine your Purchases
to your own County, and pray advise us as soon as you can of the
State of your Purchases - We are &c.
Col^o Richard Dallam.

In Council 21st April 1779

522 Sir. We hope you'll receive in Philadelphia upwards of 200,000 £
from our Delegates, if you get that or any other considerable
Sum, you are to endeavour to get a light Carriage or other Con-
venience for conveying it and also a Guard, as far as the Head
of Elk, where Col^o Hollingsworth will, we expect, assist you with
what may be convenient and render you safe. If any Number of