

240. as may be. You do not mention the Quantity of Powder & Lead that you have or whether you have any; furnish Col. Barrett with what may be necessary, if you have it, if not, order from Frederick Town an ample supply. We wish you to concert the Means of supplying Provisions on the best Terms and to appoint some Person to conduct that Business whose Activity and Integrity may be relied on. We are &c.

Daniel Hughes Esq.
Lieut. of Washington County }

In Council Annapolis 26th April 1779.

430. Sir. This is designed to be left for you at the Head of Elk. Mr. Saml. Gilpin one of the Purchasers from Cecil has been down with us for Money & Instructions: he has a Probability of purchasing a Quantity perhaps as far as 800 or 1000 Barrels of Flour, we have advised him as to the Price. We request you, on your Arrival at the Head of Elk, you would send for him, he lives only about seven Miles from thence & leave with him what Money may be necessary. Take a Memo. of the Situation of Mr. Gilpin's Purchase. We are &c.

Col. W. Hyde.

In Council 26th April 1779.

431. Sir. By Letters lately received, the Demand of the Army on us is for 10,000 Barrels of Flour, only 2000 Barrels by the 1st of May, 3000 more by the 1st of June & 5000 in the Month of June. It is not distinctly expressed whether the Quantity of 10,000 Barrels is inclusive or exclusive of what the Continental Purchasers have on Hand; we suppose and hope it is inclusive. The Continental Purchasers of Provisions are stopped so that the Supply is to rest almost wholly on our Agents. We have Wheat and Flour engaged to the Amount of 3000 Barrels & have directed the Flour to be sent forward to you as quick as possible; nor have we any Doubt of your Activity to send it away with all possible Dispatch. It is highly necessary to be informed from Time to Time of the Quantities which go through your Hands and we request you'll take the Trouble to do it; be pleased to distinguish what may be sent by our Purchasers and favor us also with the Quantity of Flour sent forward since the 10th of this Month and what you have remaining on Hand. We are glad to hear that you are so well provided with Forage, we wish it removed. We are &c.
Col. Henry Hollingsworth.