

In Council Annapolis 26<sup>th</sup> April 1779

Sir. We yesterday received your Letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst. this incloses you a Duplicate of your Appointment, we cannot account for the Misconceivings of the fact on any Supposition but the Negligence of the Sheriff, which is intolerable with respect to public Letters. Capt. Richardson of Montgomery, a Continental Purchaser, was reappointed by us, he chuses to draw the Money as before from the Continent for the Convenience of getting Accounts; if equally suitable to you, it would be agreeable to us you should do so; but we hope an Col. Hyde's Return, to be able to furnish you fully; he is gone to Philad<sup>a</sup> for Money for that Purpose. The Demand on us is only for 10,000 Barls, 2000 by the first of next Month, 3000 by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June & 5000 in that Month. We look on it that we have upwards of 3000 Barls in Wheat & Flour secured. The Convenience of Transport to the Head of Elk, where we have requested all Flour to be sent to the Direction of Col. Hollingsworth, makes it desirable to get as much as may be in your Neighbourhood, we wish you to push it forward as quick as you can. Our Letter was not intended to give you any Uneasiness or convey an Idea of our thinking you blameable; we have appointed Gentlemen in Kent who, we are confident, will attend to the Purchase with Diligence & Honor, and we think it desirable for the Purposes of Regularity & to prevent public Purchasers from being made Use of against each other, that each be confined to his own County. We have the strongest Reliance that you will conduct this as you have other Business for the Public, the most for the general Interest.

We are &c

P.S. Advise us frequently of the Situation of your Purchase  
Rich<sup>d</sup>. Dallam Esq<sup>r</sup>.

In Council Annapolis 27<sup>th</sup> April 1779

Sir. In Conversation yesterday on the Subject of your Purchase, we advised you not to exceed twenty Pounds a Hundred for Flour. We are apprehensive of the distressing Circumstances which must follow from the Want of Flour, should it happen, and would therefore wish to avoid it. If you cannot get the Flour you had in Prospect under, we wish you to contract, as soon as you can, as far as £22.10. The Convenience and Expedition with which it may be sent away, will make some Amends.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Gilpin

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> April 1779

Sir. Mr. Singan left your Letter by accident, but informed us of the Contents. We would have you continue purchasing as Agent of the State if you can continue to draw the Money from the Continent, we would have you do so; if you are in any Difficulty about it, we hope to be able to furnish you in a few Days, we having ~~retained~~ <sup>retained</sup> Money