

In Council 30th April 1779

Sir
N. 130. We received your Letter Yesterday. The Paper we put to [unclear] for Money to defray the Purchase has not yet returned and [unclear] we are not able to supply it; he will be down soon and we shall send you immediately; we hope a Week or ten Days can make no [unclear] material Difference to the Sellers. What Wheat you purchase, we wish to be manufactured and the Flour of that as well as any Flour you get sent with all Expedition to Mr. Robert Buchanan at Baltimore Town. The whole Quantity wanted is not great but essential to sustain the Army. If you can get Flour at £15. we would have you engage what you can without Hesitation and employ Waggons to send it forward but by all Means see that it is in such Order that it will keep. Pray write us frequently
Col.º Norman Bruce. We are &c.º

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779.

Sir
N. 130. We are glad of your Success in your Purchase. We wrote you the other Day advising you that rather than lose the Flour in the Mills we thought it best to give the exorbitant Price of 22-10. The Accounts we have of the Damage done by the Frost, leaves little Prospect of a sudden Fall in the Price and Flour in your Neighbourhood is in a very desirable Situation. We believe you judge very right in preferring Flour to Wheat. Col.º Hyde has not yet returned, we hope he will soon be with you, with the Money. From a Letter rec^d by this Days Post, we are induced so far to change our former Instructions to you as, instead of sending it forward to Christieen, that you will let it continue in the Mills, where you purchase it and that you will send us, by the 20th of May, an Account of what you have on Hand and the particular Place where each Quantity of it lies, noting the Distance to the most convenient Landing, from whence it may be taken on each Bay, in the mean Time write us by every Post
We are &c.º
Mr. Saml. Gilpin.

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Sir
N. 140. We are glad to hear you have been so successful in your Purchase. We had a principal Dependance on your County and wish you to get as much more as you can; there's no great Probability of a speedy fall in the Price. The Accounts we have received, we believe to well founded of the great Injury to the growing Grain by the Frost, is very alarming and will much contribute to keep up the Price. (Convincing that Starford)