

given to the Massachusetts State to purchase Grain & Flour, and to forbid a Refusal, has made new Competitors in the Purchase and the Money done by the former Pracht to the growing Crop, is truly alarming, an account N. 441. say where the Price will stop, we have been under the Necessity of confining to give £22.10. We inclose you a very rough & imperfect Estimate of what has been done. We have no Doubt of the Integrity of the Gentlemen we have appointed & that in general, the Business will be conducted with Prudence. We are &c.

Gouverneur Morris Esq.

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> April 1779

Gent. We are sorry that there was any Necessity to delay Col. Hyde & Howard the Money is much wanted. The Persons who are Rivals in the Purchase of Wheat and Flour have ready Money in their Hands, which, all the World through, is preferred to Credit. The Sum of 500,000 £. is by no Means 442 adequate, the Purchase will be very little so low as £15, a good Deal at £20. and we are afraid, more at £22.10 perhaps upwards, besides Charges of Cart, Carriage and Commission. It is strange to report for 500,000 Dollars to answer the Purchase, and pay us 30,000 Dollars, now 40, advanced for the Recruiting Service; we hope that the rest of the Money necessary will be issued and sent us, without obliging us to send again for it; our Situation will be very irksome, to be dunned on one Side and soliciting and waiting on the other. We have wrote to Mr. Morris pretty fully, the Price is high and will probably be complained of, but it is enhanced by the Purchase for the Massachusetts, and the Damage done by the Pracht is very alarming. We have a considerable Sum of the called in Emissions in our Treasury, we want to pay it into the Continental Treasury, towards Taxes, Mr. Starwood does not think he has a Power to receive it as such; pray what's to be done with it? If he has such a Power, we wish you to have it, explained to him, if he has not, that it may be conferred or, if thought improper be so obliging as to inform us where and to whom we are to pay it. We are &c.

Delegates in Congress

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1779

Sir. By Letters rec<sup>d</sup> to Day by the Post, we are induced to request that any Flour which may come to your Hands of the State Purchase for the Use of the Continent, instead of being sent forward to the Head Quarters may be stored in Baltimore 'til you receive further Directions concerning it. We should be glad to hear that you had Success in your Purchase. Col. Hyde was waiting for the Money, he will be down for it. Be pleased to let us know the State of your Purchase the 20<sup>th</sup> May as we may transmit a general Account as requested of us. We are &c.

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