

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1779

We shall be much obliged to you to procure for us & send down by
Mr. Middleton's Boat, the Skipper of which will deliver you this, about
1500^{lb} of common Bread

We are &c.

W. Saml. Purviance

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150. Sir. In consequence of your letter of the 5th and others similar to it, we wrote
preparingly for a further supply by the last Post, and, by this, we are informed that
all we want would be delivered to our Delegates this Week, it is now probably
on its way and you shall be furnished to discharge your contracts with
Honor. Be pleased to let Mr. Neazy know that if he wants more Money
he also will be supplied. We are sorry for Mr. May & Col. Thompson's Dis-
agreement about Mr. Waters's Wheat; the Law has left the Decision to the
Judgment of others and we cannot therefore give any Order about it

We are &c.

Saml. Gilpin.

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154. Sir. We received your Application today for an Order to Col. Thompson to
deliver you the Wheat purchased of Mr. Waters. We are sorry that there should
be any Degree of Opposition between the Persons employed by the Public to
effect the same End, but the Law has not given us the Power of interfering &
preventing its Operation; whether the Wheat was seizable or properly seized, is
left to the Judgment of the Justices, whose Opinion is and ought to be
altogether independent of ours. Those Reasons, we are sure, considered,
will evince to you the Propriety of our not complying with your Request.

We are &c.

Thomas May.

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

150. Sir. The Reasons which induced us to recommend the Wheat & Flour to
your care was, an Opinion we had that you would expedite the Grinding
of the Wheat and we imagined the Transportation of the Flour to be
immediately within your Province. The Shorts and Bran, we ^{thought} ~~would~~
would be useful for Storage. The extraordinary Trouble & Expence you are
at, ought to be paid for & we are willing to make you a just Allowance.
The Whole is for the Use of the Continent, not a single Pound for this State
and we wish that the Efforts we make, which are in consequence of a new
Duty laid on us by the Assembly and our Wish to forward the General Service,
may be so heartily seconded, as that we may obtain the End, a plentiful Supply
for the Army. We inclose you a copy of our letter of the 30th of April, from your
not mentioning it, we suspect you have not received it: we also wrote to you
the Day before yesterday, advising you of our having received Intelligence of our
a Fleet being in the Bay; we have heard nothing of it since, though it seems to
correspond with Intelligence received by this Day's Post from Philadelphia, of
a Fleet of about that Number having sailed from New York. We think
it would be prudent, not to let too much lie at the Head of Elk, if, as
some suppose, Virginia & Maryland should be their Objects, they may probably
attempt to destroy the Stores at the Head of Elk

We are &c.