

...into Difficulties by his Promptitude
...for showing my letters, to clear up your
...flour purchased by Mr. Gilpin of Mr. May, or
...you, under the Request of the Council & myself. You
...in making use of any thing from me, to clear up the
...of Justice; I shall take the same Freedom, whenever necessary
...Power, without thinking I do amiss and now inclose you
...Governor Morris to our Delegates which they inclosed to us
...with regard to the Purchase & Disposition of the Flour. Presuming
...the Flour was to supply the Army 'til Starvest, the Council and I had given general
...to the Purchasers to forward it to the Head of Elk, that it might be sent
...for that Purpose, but on the Receipt of that Letter we wrote you the 26th April
...to exert yourself to dispatch the Carriage and gave correspondent Orders, a
...to the Purchasers. The Letter strongly conveys the Idea of its being
...indeed necessary, to have the Flour in Philadelphia as soon as possible. I
...of Mr. Morris's Letter of the 21st of April, received so late as the 30th.
...of it we wrote letters to all the principal Purchasers, coun-
...the former Orders and directing the Flour to be lodged at Landings on either
...except that which lay between the Head of Elk, which we desired to continue
...in the Mills, ready to be carried to Landings on either Bay. We did not imagine the
...Orders could possibly prevent, totally, the Effect of the first, which were
...in a Way of Execution. Mr. Peisberg writes me, 11th May "Col. Hollingsworth D. D. M. G.
...of Head of Elk was in Town last week, informing me you had requested him to take
...of the Flour purchased by the Commisaries in your State; I beg leave to mention
...that we have an Apist. Comm^o at that Post and that it would be in a proper Line for
...him to receive the same as any other Kind of Provisions". It was improper to put the
...after the Receipt of Mr. Morris's Letter. Messrs Peisberg & White were
...here the other Day, they seemed desirous that Part, at least, of the Flour purchased
...of our Appointm^t. should be delivered over to the Comm^o but the Matter was
...explained to them, that Mr. Morris's Order was necessary. We have lately directed, that
...such Flour as was in Danger should be carried to Christen and have wrote to Mr. Morris
...to give Orders, as to the Disposition of it; we had given these Orders before the Receipt
...of a Letter from the Board of War, which recommended the Removal of all Stores which
...lay in insecure Places. I have been thus particular to show that from the Variety
...of Orders given, none of them can reasonably be expected to have been punctually
...executed, the prior being in Execution after the posterior had been
...given in Philadelphia and before they could possibly go through our Hands and
...reach those who we employ. I am much surprized that there should be any Doubt of Part
...of the Flour having been purchased by Mr. Gilpin, because Mr. Morris mentioned, as an
...Irregularity, one of our Purchasers having bought Flour in Philad^a. I have already
...accounted to him for the Rise of the Flour, on much truer Principles than the injuri-
...Suspicion that it is owing to the bad Conduct of our Purchasers. I would advise
...you and Mr. Gilpin to take the Affidavits of such Persons as are acquainted with
...the Facts or rather, if you can get them, to go with you to Philad^a; the most that can
...of Mr. Gilpin's Conduct, in purchasing May's Flour, a Part of which was in
...that as to such Part, the Purchase was irregular which yet does not appear
...to me, and if that and the Flour you sent to Philad^a under our Orders, has
...your Brother's present Trouble, I cannot but think those who have treated
...will be sorry they have proceeded to such Lengths on an ill
...Suspicion. I am not acquainted with Mr. Gov^r Morris, but I would have you lay
...his Rank and Character induce me to think he will contribute
...the Truth and prevent your Brother's suffering for receiving the
...as to its being the Property of the State, I have no Idea of
...and I have no Doubt but every Body who has had any
...to the Interest of the Count^y. You would do
...of giving a false Colouring to any. I hardly know
...to depend on the Fleet's being gone
...I am Dear Sir