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In Council Annapolis 10th Oct. 1779

We have Occasion for a Quantity of Flour and it seems probable
to us that Wheat might readily be got in Exchange for Powder at
the Rate of a Bushel for a Pound. Be pleased to consult with Mr Hanson
who keeps the Mill by Town and if he thinks it can be done, furnish him
from Time to Time with the Necessary Quantities, get him to exchange it
and to grind up the Wheat, taking out the Bran and Shorts only, and pack
it for Removal; if any Thing can be done in this Way have the Wheat
ground up as it comes in, write us on this Subject We are &c.

Capt. Geo. P. Keports.

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Sir We are called on for our Assistance to procure Flour for the Use of the
Army; we are so desirous of doing it that we would fall on every Method
which may have a chance of inducing People to get out and part from
their Wheat for this essential Service. Amongst other Means, we have thought
it probable that a good deal of Wheat might be collected by small Quantities
at the Mills in exchange for Powder. We therefore request that you will
would take to your Mill a Barrel or two, lodge at Alex^r Ogles Mill and
at Roger Johnson's Mills respectively, about the same Quantity and with
Mr Joseph Frommells at Frederick Town about the same Quantity and
at any other convenient Mills, where good fare can be depended on, about
the same Quantities to be exchanged on the Terms mentioned above, sup-
plying Powder in reasonable Quantities, on the Expenditure of what was
before delivered, the Mills to grind up the Flour, separating only the Bran
and Shorts and packing it, as the Wheat. What Flour may be made at
your and Mr Ogles Mills, to be sent down to Baltimore and delivered to
the Spung Commissary there, taking Receipts. Advise us from Time to Time
of your Success. What Wheat Mr Frommell may collect, we would have
ground up by some good Mill in the Neighbourhood, and concerning that
and what may be made at Mr Johnson's Mill, we will give future Direc-
tions, which will depend a good deal on the State of Mr Muddock's Affairs
We are &c.

P.S. If Col. Bruce is not returned home, Col. Baker Johnson is requested to
execute this Business and is empowered to call on the Capt. of the Guard for
the Powder to enable him to do it

Command Bruce Esq. or in
his Absence, Col. Baker Johnson }

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Sir We yesterday appointed you one of the Judges of the General Court,
the Commission is not yet issued, merely because we do not know whether
it will be agreeable to you or not: we hope and flatter ourselves that
it will and shall be obliged to you if you will acquaint us soon
of your Sentiments on this Subject We are &c.

John Thomas Esq.