

to Mills out of the direct Route to Camp, is very extraordinary, nor is the
No 80. the French Agents more easily to be accounted for. As to Certificates for Money
sent to the Continent, that Business is solely with the Commissioner, and as we
are not inclined to multiply ours, which we are sorry to find considerably increas-
ing every Day; therefore refer you to him, suggesting at the same Time, that the
Law under which you were appointed to receive Loans, expired the last Session.
We had heard of several valuable Officers refusing to qualify under a Law of the
last Session and we had apprehensions of losing you; but the Receipt of yours
of the 31st Ultimo gave us Relief and Pleasure. By your Letter of the 5th Inst. you
are somewhat perplexed by the Dispute between the State Commissioners
and the Commissary. We have determined finally on this Point, of which the
Commissioners are fully informed. We approve fully of the Steps you have taken
to detect Frauds and Impostions in purchasing of Flour and trust you will continue
to act with your wonted Circumspection; such Abuses ought to be corrected and discour-
aged. We shall not fail to take the necessary Measures to strengthen and cooperate
with you in a Work so laudable and salutary as preventing such Practices in
future. Your Complaints of the Order of Flour sent you, are repeated in yours of the
13th Inst. where it is necessary, we wish you to have it repacked and, in every
Instance it may not be amiss to weigh it. It surely is the proper Province
of the Commissioners to see that Justice is done the Public in the Weight
as well as the Quantity of the Flour and the Inattention of those of Baltimore
and Harford, on whom we greatly relied, surprizes us. Mr. Wright is licenced
according to the Law of the last Session and your Request, for the Sixth
District. In Answer to yours of the 15th Inst. we inform you, that your
Licence is granted and enclosed. Your Motives for continuing in your De-
partment and not buying Provisions, by which a Competition would be
created with the Commissioners, are truly praiseworthy. An Intension of your
Care and Attention, to Baltimore Town, would not be amiss, as the only acting
Person in that District is in an inferior Station, and may require your
Advice and Aid. The Contract made by Mr. Wright with the Gen^l of
Virginia, we think advantageous to the Public, and as our Interposition
would be rather out of our Line, advise you to request Gen^l Green to
apply to the Government of Virginia to permit an Exportation of
the Grain purchased. Mr. Wright has the Order on the late Collector
of Cecil for the Money you require.
Col^o Henry Hollingsworth. We are &c.

In Council Am^o 20th Dec^r 1780

No 90. Sir Having received and answered some Letters from His Excellency the Gen^l
De la Luzerne on the same Subject with yours of the 20th ult. 80. we have
had Occasion to be particular in our Answer to yours of the 20th ult. 80.
Dates they shall be laid before the General Assembly, which is to sit
the 2^d of next Month. In the mean Time we request you to inform us
on what Foundation you ground your Expectation of having for this
State, 10000 Barrels of Flour. We have looked over the Papers on the Subject
and find, in a Letter from a Committee of Congress to the Gen^l De la Luzerne