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 desired to let Mr. Smith have 5000 Barrels of Flour on your
 account, and Orders were given accordingly. The following is an
 Extract from Mr. Gerrard's Letter 21st Aug. 1779 "Permit me in
 availing myself of this Regulation to entreat your Excellency's
 Permission for exporting, in the Month of November next about
 5 or 6000 Barrels of Flour and about 5 or 600 Barrels of Salt
 Provisions". We refer you to your Letter of the 26th August 1779 wherein you
 inform us that you had authorized Mr. Smith in Baltimore to purchase
 with all Speed 5000 Barrels of Flour to be shipped for Martinico, in
 Addition to 2000 Barrels Part of those he had in Store, which were
 furnished by Orders of the Committee of Congress. Since the Receipt
 of that Letter, we cannot find among our Papers, any from you, until
 yours of the 28th ult. came to Hand. Every Man's earbines to induce
 us most earnestly to wish for certain Information of the Army's being
 supplied that we may not only have it in our Power to grant permits
 to the Vessels which are to sail under Sanvoy of theendant, but that
 all the Flour legally purchased under your Directions may be applied to
 the Purposes for which it was first intended.

Mr. Golker We are &c

In Council Annapolis 22^d Feb^r 1780

91.
 Sir. Mess^{rs} Rogers, Gephurn and Luke have represented to the Council and
 myself and we believe very truly, that the Flour which you lately
 seized in Patuxent River, in Virtue of the Law for the immediate
 Supply of the Army, was purchased in Baltimore for the Consumption of their
 several Families. That, at present they are entirely without, and that
 ten or eleven Barrels, which is the Quantity you have taken, is not more
 than three Families can consume in four Months. Under such Circum-
 stances, the Council join me in requesting you to restore to those Gentlemen
 the whole of their Flour, apprehending this Case is not within either the
 Spirit or Letter of the Law. You have a Power to impress Vessels to transport
 the Articles you seize, to the Head of Elk and the other Places mentioned
 in the Law, and we think it will conduce more to the Interest of
 the State to keep the Corn on Board the Vessel and send it away in
 her, than to land it

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 23^d Feb^r 1780

92.
 Sir Mary Gittings hath by her Petition set forth to us that she was, in Sept^r
 1777, plundered by the Enemy, of Household Furniture, Wearing Apparel &c. to a
 very considerable Amount, and it appearing to us by her Deposition with a List
 of her losses and the Depositions of others, that the said Facts are true, and
 we esteeming it proper that the Collection of the Assessment of the said Mary Gittings
 for the Year 1779 amounting to the Sum of £269-15-0 should be suspended do
 desire you not to collect the same or any Part thereof and if collected, to
 refund the same

We are &c

Wm. M. Murrish, late Secy of the Cont.