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In Council Annapolis 10 June 1700

No. 253
We have Occasion to deliver to Mr. M^r Smith, Flour to a considerable Amount. We expect the Commissioners of Frederick and Baltimore will immediately deliver you a Quantity; and the Starford Com^{rs} are likewise directed to send to you the Flour in their Hands most convenient to Baltimore Town. The whole of which we request you will deliver to Mr. Smith, if it should not exceed 3000 Barrels; if it should, you are to retain the Excess, and advise us of the exact Quantity. We are &c.

Thomas Donnellan.

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No. 254
Sir
Your Letter of the 10th June we have received and shall endeavour to have the Quantity of Flour you think necessary for the Use of the Fleet, lodged with Mr. Smith, as speedily as possible. If it should not be in our Power (which we hope will not be the case) to furnish the whole, agreeable to the Resolue of the General Assembly, as soon as there may be a Demand for it; that the Fleet may not be disappointed of the Supplies expected from us, we will give Mr. Smith every Assistance necessary to accelerate his Purchase; we shall not have Occasion for any Bills. Your being at a Loss how we could be under any Difficulty in ascertaining the precise Quantity of Flour purchased for the Use of the French Marine, we can but attribute to the mistaken Opinion entertained by you, that the whole was seized by our Commissioners; if it had been so, we should not have applied to your Agent, Mr. Smith, for Information on that Subject. We are &c.

Honble Mr. Holker.

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No. 255
Sir
We yesterday received a Letter from Mr. Holker, of the 10th Inst. requesting us to comply with the Resolue of the General Assembly with all possible Speed and to place 5000 Barrels of Flour in your Hands for the Use of the French Fleet. It gives us Concern that, from the Irregularity of the Returns made to us by the Commissioners and the Uncertainty we are under of the Quantity forwarded, we cannot point out where and from whom the Deficiency may be received immediately. Mr. Donnellan receives the Flour from the Com^{rs} of Baltimore and Frederick Counties who have had Orders to send it down without Delay. This we have insisted him to place in your Hands as fast as it comes down, but as