

Maryland Annapolis - In Council 27th June 1700

In Pursuance of Powers delegated to us by the State of Maryland, to export Flour and import Necessaries for the Use of the State, we have laden the Brigantine Fox, Capt. James Buchanan with 620 Barrels of Flour, which we have consigned and trusted to the Care and Management of Robert Dorsey Esq^r, a Gentleman of Character and Merit who we particularly recommend to the Notice, Countenance, and good Offices of your Excellency. To enable Mr. Dorsey to invest the Proceeds of the Cargo in the most desired Articles, we request your Excellency to give him Permission to purchase and export to our State, such European and West India Goods as he thinks will best answer the Purposes of the State. It is our most earnest Inclination to correspond with your Excellency and to keep up such an Intercourse as will be most conducive to the reciprocal Advantages and Interests of the Governments over which we have the Honor to preside. We shall receive the highest Satisfaction in your Excellency's affording us an Opportunity of adding Instances to the Professions of profound Respect with which we have the Honor to be &c.

To the Governour of Savanna
and Port Au Prince, Separably.

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Sir. We request you to forward the enclosed by Express to His Excellency the Governour of Virginia - We are &c.
Col^o. Rob^t. J. Hoce.

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Capt. Perry and Middleton You are to proceed to Portsmouth in Virginia, taking under your Care and Safety conveying the three Vessels with Stores to that Place from whence they may safely proceed to Milner's Landing. You will remain at Portsmouth and wait their Return to take on Board as many of His Corps of Light Infantr^y, as you can conveniently and safely transport to the Head of Elk. If these Troops should not be there or in the Neighbourhood, so that you cannot transport them without being detained more than ten Days after the Return of the Vessels under your Conoy, you will then proceed to Emerson's Landing on Wye River and take on Board a Load of Flour from Mr. Hemphill's Landing for this Place, the Object of the Business with which you are charged, is to convey down these Vessels and back again with Safety. - We are &c.
Capt. Perry and Middleton.