

In Council Annapolis 19th Oct. 1780

495. Sir. We this Day received yours of the 10th Inst. & request you will forward to the Head of Elk, as speedily as possible, all the Beef on the Hoop you can spare purchase. The Scarcity of the Bread you mention and the Difficulties you have met with in the Purchase of Flour, induce us to desire you to accept of Mr. Smith's Offer, provided the Price is agreeable to you. Enclosed are Notes for 50 Hogheads of Tobacco, which you will please to sell on the best Terms you can, at not less than 50^{cts} per Cent. and 10^{cts} per Cent. for Cart. As Barrels will be wanted for salted Provisions for the Public, we request you to secure what, in your Judgment, may be sufficient for the Meat which you may procure
James Calhoun Esq. We are &c.

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496. Sir. Gentlemen. In order to enable the Extra. Regiment to proceed to the Southward immediately, we have been under the Necessity of turning over to the Continental Treasurer in this State, two thousand Pounds of the new State Emission, amounting at 40 for 1, to eighty thousand Pounds. We request you to obtain a Warrant in Favor of Capt. Arch. Golden Paymaster of that Regiment, on Mr. Starwood that he may be justified in having paid it at our Request, for that Sum, in Part of the Money appropriated agreeable to a Resolution of Congress in June last, to the Supply of the Military Chest, and the Exigencies of the War in the Southern Department.
Delegates in Congress We are &c.

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497. Sir. We apprehend the Flour at Appoquiminink in the Delaware State to be Part of what was obtained & forwarded by Messrs. Gilpin, Coale & Co. Commrs. of Cecil County. The following is a Remark on their Return, "David Willson at Appoquiminink Landing received about 320 Barrels of Flour of which he forwarded about 200 Barrels, has the Remainder in his Store, but delays sending it until he is paid for the Freight due". By a Letter from Mr. John Johnson Commr. of Kent County, 21st Aug. last, we find he had delivered a Quantity of Grain and some Flour, agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, at Duck Creek, and had applied to Mr. Hollingsworth to receive it, which he did not think proper to do, at that Place. Mr. Johnson to be sure Flour has been sent by some other Commrs. to Duck Creek, and from thence forwarded to the Army & do not know the Reason why Mr. Johnson's was not likewise sent on; at any Rate the State having sent the Flour to Places where they should have been sent to Continental Officers to receive it, cannot be justly considered as a Delay and it is our Opinion it ought to be received as the Property of the United States, at the Place where it is now lying.
Donaldson Yeates Esq. We are &c.