

In Council, 19th Feb. 1781.

Sir,

We intend to have the Show brought to Annapolis and examined and then we shall determine whether to sell or keep her for the use of the State if we should determine to sell, you shall be informed of the Terms.

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Received at: Hannah.

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Sir,

Mr. Stephen Steward will deliver you a considerable Quantity of Flour

that was purchased for the Purpose which you will receive, on a Receipt of the State, noting the quality as well as the Quantity.

Mr. Thomas Donnellan.

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Sir,

We received your Favor of the 6th Instant by which it appears the Committee too have been much deceived by the Information received respecting the Flour stopped by Mr. Hollingsworth, who was empowered by an Act of the General Assembly (and did not act in consequence of any Regulation of the executive Council) to stop all the Flour about to be transported out of the State by Land except what was for the Army correspondents, to which this Board upon being informed of the Seizure of one hundred Barrels of Flour said to be purchased for the Bank, instructed Mr. Hollingsworth to inquire if that Flour was purchased for the Bank and for the use of the Army, and if upon Inquiry he should be satisfied it was, to suffer it to be removed. Whatever Respect the Opinion of the Committee may deserve in a matter upon which they have deliberated, we think their judgement of the wisdom and Policy of a Measure with which they appear to be unacquainted can have no Influence. We feel the Sufferings of the Army and have and will upon this and every future Occasion contribute our utmost Endeavours (which have never been surpassed by any State in the Union) to relieve and support it, and trust the Committee will find upon Reading the Act of Assembly and attending to our Instructions to Mr. Hollingsworth that its Object is to suppress a Commerce not only illicit but highly detrimental to the State, and it cannot possibly have a Tendency to retard the Supplies for the Army nor can any injurious Consequences result from it.

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Samuel Adams Esq. Chairman
of the Committee of Congress.