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to have had the Cattle at this Place before this Day, there are now about 1400 Troops in this City and consequently the Demands for and Consumption of Groops Provisions must be considerable, you will therefore exert yourself and forward without Delay the Remainder of the one hundred Head of Cattle collected in Prince Georges County, the Flour will be wanted at George Town and we request you will therefore forward it agreeable to Mr.

Calhouns Directions.

John Smith Brookes Esq.

In Council, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1781.

746. Sir, The official Assistant of the Superintendent of the Finance of the united States has required of us two thousand Barrels of good sweet Flour, such as will pass Inspection as merchantable to be delivered on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> Current, on some of the navigable Waters of Chesapeake to Matthew Ridley Esq. We are convinced that the requisition should be complied with, and every Effort ought to be made to procure and deliver it within the Time. We wish to have the whole delivered at Baltimore Down, but are apprehensive it will not be in your power, you will therefore as much thereof as you possibly can and the remainder at George Town unless upon Consultation with Mr. Ridley, you should think it would answer the Purpose at any other Port and your Expense, then we would have you deliver it at such Port, you will have the whole inspected and turned over to Mr. Ridley, giving him Notice of the Time and Places of Deposit that he may be present. You will inform us immediately what Prospects you have of complying with this requisition and in what Time. We shall be glad to know what Quantities of Flour has been turned over by you to the Continent.

James Calhoun Esq.

In Council, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1781.

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