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By Letters received from His Excellency General Washington, we are advised  
 the Army in Virginia suffers for the want of Flour; we have given Direction  
 to Mr. Hollingsworth to turn over all the State Flour in his Possession to you  
 which you will forward to the Army in Virginia without loss of Time. As it  
 may be difficult to obtain Vessels by Hire for the Purpose of Transportation,  
 and to prevent Delay, we hereby authorize and empower you to impress as  
 many Vessels as are necessary to transport the public Flour to Head Quarters  
 in Virginia.

Donaldson Yeates Esq.

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We request you to collect every Barrel of Flour you can, and have it turned  
 over to the Quartermaster at Elk, to be immediately forwarded to the Army  
 in Virginia, where it is much wanted. For the Purpose of transporting the  
 Flour, we hereby authorize and empower you to impress as many Vessels as  
 are necessary. You will inform us of the Quantity of Flour you turn over  
 to the Continental Officer and of your future Prospects in collecting that  
 Article.

Col. Henry Hollingsworth.

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I have the Honor of your Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. which shall be laid before  
 the Council, when a sufficient Number of Members are assembled to compose  
 a Board, at present that is not the case; in the Mean Time, permit me to  
 return you Thanks on their Behalf, for the Aid you are pleased to afford us  
 in carrying into Execution the Measures necessary at this interesting Period.  
 The Council are also under great Obligations for your Attention in providing  
 Vessels to transport the Troops now at Baltimore, with their Baggage &  
 to the Point of intended Operations in Virginia. Capt. Wallis's Services  
 will be very acceptable in the Removal of the Troops and the Strength of  
 the Protector Galley will give Security to against the Enemy's small  
 armed Vessels. The Enclosure will demonstrate the absolute Necessity of  
 the most immediate Exertions being made by this State to forward large  
 supplies of Provision to the Army in Virginia, more especially those of  
 the Bread Kind, and I am persuaded it is not necessary for me to  
 add any Thing to the General's Requisitions, to induce your Honorable  
 Board to strain every Nerve to obviate the Consequences which will attend  
 Delay.

President of the Special Council.

J. C. L.

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The March of the French Troops by Land to Virginia, affords a very  
 favorable Opportunity of forwarding the Cattle you have in your Possession  
 Head Quarters, where, I am informed by His Excellency the Commander in  
 Chief, they are much wanted. I beg you will apply to Major General the  
 Baron Viomenil commanding the Troops, to be so obliging as to direct  
 his Officer commanding the Bullock Guard, to take under his Care the Cattle  
 you may have on Hand. From Mr. Calhoun's Letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. there are  
 Hopes that you have your Stock of Flour considerably augmented by the  
 Exertions of the Deputy Commissioners of Bread for the Army, which  
 which by your last Return, were 11000 Bushels. I beg you will  
 make every Effort to augment the Stock of Flour to be sent to the Army.

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