

In Council 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1701

No 076 We are just informed by Col. Blaine that our Army must in a very short Time, suffer for Bread Provision, unless great Exertions are immediately made by this State to procure and forward 3000 Barrels; We therefore in the most strenuous and earnest Manner repeat our Order, that you instantly use your utmost Endeavours to have collected and deposited at the Places heretofore assigned, all the public Flour within your District and that you give the most unremitting Attention to this Business, until it is accomplished. If it should be impracticable to collect and deposit the above Quantity out of the public Flour immediately, we request you to make every Effort to borrow what may be deficient and to assure the Owners it shall be replaced out of the public Flour of the like Quality. We shall not permit any Flour to be exported out of the State, until our Army is amply supplied, nor will General Washington suffer any Vessel to go to Sea with that Article, while the Army is in Want.

P.S. As it may be difficult for you to procure Flour Barrels immediately, for the Money of the last Emission, without a Portion of Specie to mix with it, we have sent you 75<sup>l</sup> to be appropriated solely to that Purpose, and depend on your paying it away with an equal Quantity of Paper.

James Lalhoun Esq. & James to  
Col. Henry Hollingsworth except the P.S. }

Gentlemen

In Council 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1701

No 077 We are honored with your Letter of this Day, communicating the Representation of the Sheriff, Jurymen and other Persons attending the General Court. We are sensible of the distressed Situation of those Persons, and concur with you in Opinion, if the General Court should be constrained to adjourn, because the Jurymen, Sheriff and others necessarily attending the Court, cannot be accommodated for the Money of the last Emission, the Circulation of that Currency must be totally obstructed throughout the State, as soon as those Persons return to their respective Homes, and that it will be impracticable in future for this Board to procure those Supplies which are indispensably necessary to give Efficacy to the present most important Operations in Virginia, without resorting to the rigid Measure of Seizure, which Justice and Policy prompt us to avoid as much as possible, on Account of its Odiousness and Inequality; we also dread the Evils that will, in all Probability, result from stopping the Administration of Justice. Our Sense of Duty and our Desire to support the Credit of the new Money will induce us to adopt any Expedient that will in any Degree promote its Circulation, and extricate the Persons attending the Court from their peculiar Hardships. The only one that has occurred is, to assure the Tavern-keepers and Persons who take in Lodgers, that we will let them have Beef and Flour at the current Specie Price in this City for all the Money of the last Emission which they shall respectively receive from the Jurymen, Sheriff, Witnesses and others necessarily attending the General Court for their Accommodation and Entertainment, and that Measures will be instantly taken to get the Beef and Flour here; this is the unanimous Resolution of the Board and may be immediately communicated. We understand and believe the current Specie Prices for Beef and Flour in this City are 6<sup>d</sup> a Pound for Beef and 20<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> for Flour.

The Judges of the General Court.

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No 078 This Post is entirely without Flour, wherefore you will without Loss of Time, send down 150 Barrels of Flour, and if necessary impress a Boat for that Purpose, for which this shall be your Warrant.

James Lalhoun Esq.