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to allow Abner Sumner and James Seth, Millers, for the Flour they deliver, made of Wheat ground with their own Money, the Price of three Bushels Wheat at the Time of the Delivery of said Flour, and for what they buy and manufacture at their Mills, with the Money furnished by Mr. Wedderburn, they are to deliver 112 lb good common Flour for every three Bushels Wheat so bought by them, the Cost of the Barrels and Nails to be paid for by Mr. Wedderburn. It also appears by Mr. Wedderburn's Information, that Ezechiel Jordan, Esq. of Kent County, bought Wheat in Queen Anne's County at 2/6 per Bushel & the rise of the Market, and that Mr. Thomas Parker did the same, by which Means he Endeavours to purchase for the Public were rendered unsuccessful, and further says, that at the Time he was attending the General Court at Annapolis, the Price of Wheat rose in his District to 2/6 per Bushel, occasioned, as he understood, by a Miller who manages Mr. Davister Carroll's Mill in Baltimore, and purchased at that Rate. He also informs your Committee, that William Hemdey Esq. sold about two thousand Bushels of Wheat to Messieurs Booth and Darney, Millers at the Head of Elk, for £15 per Bushel, which Wheat he bought of Col. Edward Lloyd, at 2/6 per Bushel, this is confirmed as to the Purchase by the Deposition of Arthur Bryan, Clerk to Col. Lloyd, who says that he received from Richard Sympson, Attorney to said Col. Edward Lloyd, a Sum of Money for 2000 Bushels Wheat at 2/6 per Bushel, 1500 Bushels Barley, at £7-10 per Bushel; which said Wheat and Barley were purchased by Mr. William Hemdey; all which will more fully appear by the Papers N^os. 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 herewith delivered in.

Your Committee have received Information from Mr. Richard Dallam, licensed Purchaser in Harford County, contained in Paper N^o 3, by which it appears that said Dallam has purchased between 6 and 7000 Bushels Wheat from 2/6 to 2/15 per Bushel and the Rise of the Market till the first of April next, which he was under the Necessity of doing, as others had before contracted with the same Terms. He further says, that John Barclay, a Miller, gave £20 per Bushel for Wheat, which he apprehended was in Consequence of a Contract with Mr. Jacob Giles, Junr. who had agreed with him at the Rate of £50 per C for his Flour, though the Price then given in Baltimore was not more than £40; and that upon a Conversation between Mr. Giles and the said Dallam, the former declared if the latter purchased he would outbid him, though Mr. Dallam showed Mr. Giles a Letter from the Governor and Council, authorising him to purchase for the public Use. Mr. Dallam also says, that Mr. Jonathan Hudson, a Miller, informed him, that he had contracted with the Commissary (who he understood to be Robert Buchanan of Baltimore) for all the Wheat and Flour he could grow, at an unlimited Price, and for every 3 Bushels Wheat received into his Mill, he was to deliver to the said Commissary 1 Cwt Flour, and was also further to draw a Commission of 2 1/2 per Cent for purchasing. Mr. Dallam says, that 2 1/2 Bushels Wheat weighing 50 lb per Bushel, will make 1 Cwt Flour, and by Mr. Hudson's Contract, he would get 4, whereas others had not more than £40 per hundred Bushels for grinding; nor does it appear that the Public were to have the Ship-Stuff or Bran; but your Committee have received Information from Mr. Robert Buchanan (N^o 22) that his Contract with Mr. Hudson is in some respects different from what is represented by Mr. Dallam, and that all the Contracts he has made were in Consequence of immediate Orders from Col. Blaine, Deputy Commissary General.

It appears to your Committee, by a Letter received from Mr. Patrick Ewing, Assistant