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Philada Sept^r 13th 1776.

We have been obliged to furnish a supply of powder for the Continental Brigate built at Baltimore which should have been ordered down there; but as we understand you have a sufficient quantity at that place and there is some powder due to the Continental from your State; we request the favor of you to supply Messrs. Mr. Lee, Samuel Purman and David Stewart with four tons and a half of your powder for the use of the said Brigate and for proving her Cannon &c and hereafter we will repay you in powder the ballance that will then become due to your State or supply you with more should it become necessary. Your compliance with this request will save time and charges. It will also oblige the Secret Committee of Congress of which we are a member & we remain Gent^{ls} to the Honorable.

The Council of Safety

of Maryland

Your Obedt^t Hble Servts.

Robt Morris.

Richard Henry Lee.

B Franklin

Isiah Bartlett

Gentlemen:

In Committee Baltimore Sept 13th 1776.

We take the liberty of transmitting you copy of a resolve of this Committee entered into on Monday last relative to an application made to us by Job Green of this place for a permission for the departure of a schooner loaded with provisions. The copy of said resolve we should have sent to you before now, had we not apprehended that Mr John Smith who was present in Committee during the transaction had taken a copy of it with him, which we have reason to suspect he did not, it being reported to us that Job Green hath obtained from your board a permission for the departure of said vessel, which we are inclined to think you would not have granted had you been acquainted with the circumstances of the case. In the mean time to prevent Mr Green making an advantage of your permission until you was fully informed the reasons of our refusing him permission, we have requested Captⁿ Smith not to suffer the said vessel to sail before we received further directions from you on the subject.

The true & late of the case is as follows: Mr Green lately applied to the Chairman to know if he might have a permit to load a schooner with flour to the West Indies; which he was answered he might have if he would engage to comply with the terms required by the Committee of giving security in double the value of the Cargo (when the vessel sailed) that the vessel should not proceed to any port or place prohibited by Congress or Convention. On promising these terms should be complied with, a permit to load was granted by the Chairman to Mr Green, not suspecting that any fraud was intended. But being informed shortly after that the schooner which Mr Green had obtained permission to load, was a vessel belonging to Mr James Clarke of this town who had been a few days before published by this Committee as an enemy to the interests of America of which Mr Green could not be ignorant, it gave us great room to suspect that the whole matter was a collusion betwixt Mr Green and Mr Clarke and only intended to evade the incapacity