

be are most respectfully,

Sirs Yr obed^t & ble Servants

Van Bibber & Harrifon

P.S. Capt Martin says that the mistake of the 10 bbls powder you mention was rectified before he sailed.

Baltimore October 10th 1776.

Sirs. I received your order for purchasing 400 barrels of superfine flour and 20 bbls of tobacco and directions to dispose of part of them which I shall obey as nearly as I can. I have the best flour engaged for the Revolution that is made with us but there is but little superfine made here it is best low flour weighing ^{cut} 1-3 next but there is very little superfine to be had had more than the best of Elk and there they send it to Philadelphia and at this time get 20⁵ to 22⁵/6 per hundred for it but I shall get the best low flour that is made in this place and have it fitted for a French mackbat with 10 hoops have part of the tobacco red. I received from Mr Steven Howard 800 rounds to be laid out for your use. We have a report this evening that there is a fleet at the Capes. Please to advise me if that should be the case if I am to continue the purchase. I am selling the damaged flour that the Bakers used not bake at 6⁵/8 and 10 shillings a Bbl each mackbat day from 12 to 20 bbls. I shall come down soon to show the accounts as far as I have got - from your humble servant

To the Honourable Council of Safety.

John Hollingsworth

I committed Mr Stephen Steward about the flour and advised me to go on and get the best was to be had and such as we have here for our best flour.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Maryland.

The memorial of James Clarke, Robert Christie Jr, Melchior Keener, Robert Christie and Oliver White and Robert Johnston - Sheweth -

That early in the month of March your Memorialists vessels were sunk at White's Point, for the purpose of preventing any of the British Ships of War from coming up to Baltimore Town -

That agreeable to a resolve of Convention they have already been allowed sums of money for the damage the vessels sustained by being sunk.

But that your Memorialists have never received any satisfaction for the time their vessels was employed in that service which was about three and one half months.

As that matter is referred to the Council of Safety, we moved May that a day may be fixed for our attendance at Annapolis, and that the Bearer may be informed what voucher will be necessary to lay before your honorable board.

And your Memorialists shall pray.

James Clarke, Robt Christie Jr, Robert Christie
& Oliver White, Melchior Keener, Robert Johnston.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland.

We the subscribers inhabitants of Baltimore Town beg leave to acquaint the Honble Council that we have for a number of years been purchasers of Provisions in said Town and being informed that a considerable sum is shortly to be laid out for the use of the

Province