

Circular.

In Council Annapolis 11<sup>th</sup> March 1790

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Extract of a Letter from the honorable the Board of War, to the Governour dated March 4<sup>th</sup> 1790.

No. 109

We are alarmed and most feelingly distressed, at the Accounts we have just received from the Commissary General of Issues, of the State of the Magazines, Provisions at Camp. Unless the quickest Relief is afforded it is by no Means improbable that the Army will be obliged to disband the Vicinity of the Camp and indeed the whole State of Jersey being exhausted by its Exertions for the Supply of the Troops this Winter. We have therefore most earnestly to request the Assistance of your Excellency and the Honorable Council upon this disagreeable Exigency and we beg you will cause as much Flour as possible to be forwarded that the Distress likely to fall on the Army and the dangerous Consequences which may probably attend it, may be prevented!

Genl.

The above, we trust, is sufficient without any Exhortation of ours, to impress on your Minds the absolute Necessity of forwarding, without Delay, all the Flour you may have in Readiness and to hasten the manufacturing of the Wheat in your Stands; the Flour and Wheat taken from the French Agents, excepted.

To the Commissioners of the Several Counties

We are &c.

The following Post script to be added, to the Commissioners for Baltimore County. The enclosed Order on the Collector of Baltimore County for £2000 is sent at Mr. Stevensons Request, contained in his Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst.

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Sir.

110.

We have received yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> Inst. and approve of your storing, at convenient Landings, the Provisions collected in Virtue of the Act for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions for the Army: they must certainly be transported with more Expedition as well as Ease, by Water, than by the Coast but this may be and is inconvenient to the State, if it could be done with equal Expedition and as you are peculiarly circumstanced, the Mode you have adopted is the most preferable. You are to retain in your Hands the Vessel and Grain, which is said to be the Property of the State, until you make a thorough and satisfactory Enquiry into the Nature of that Transaction. If the Cargo is the Property of the State, the Vessel may have been freighted by some of the Commissioners to remove it, of this you may be assured yourself without Difficulty. You have an undoubted Right to seize the Grain, which may be found in the Hands of Mr. Wadsworth and every other Person under the Countenance of the Law. We invariably directed the Commissioners to seize, as they were directed, all the Flour and Grain purchased for the French Agent, of which they are to take an Account and transmit to this Board, but no such Flour or Grain is to be forwarded to Camp, without our further Orders; this is mentioned for your Information. The Purchases of Millers are equally liable to Seizure, and other Purchasers. The Ship, which you are to forward with the Flour to Col. Wallingsworth, it may be necessary to send an Order on the Collector of Kent County for £2000 to be paid to the Agent of the State.

Wm. Wallingworth