

In Council Annapolis 1st April 1780

139. Sir. You will perceive by the enclosed Resolves of the General Assembly that the Governour and Council are requested to direct a Quantity of Flour to be delivered to Mr. Holker or his Agent which, with what he has been already permitted to purchase by the Authority of the State, may in the Whole, amount to a Quantity of fifteen Thousand Barrels. It appears by a Letter from the President of Congress accompanying the Recommendation upon which the above Resolves is founded, that this State is to be credited with all the Flour with which the French is to be supplied, exceeding the Quantity heretofore permitted to be purchased in this State for their Use. We cannot, after the strictest search among our Papers, discover, that the Minister or Agent of France, either by a direct Application to this State or through Congress or a Committee of Congress, was ever allowed to purchase more than 3000 Barrels in the Whole, for the Use of the Marine of France and must request you to inform us what Quantity the French Agent was permitted to purchase by the Authority of this State, and if it exceeds 3000 Barrels, to point out when and in what Manner the Allowance of this State was obtained. We also desire you to inform us what Quantity has been purchased by you and your Deputies for the French Marine and how much has been shipped by you for that Use, and when, and the Names of the Deputies employed by you. In desiring such precise Information from you, we are actuated by the following Reasons; If the Agent of France, as has been insisted by Mr. Holker, had Licence from this State to purchase 12000 Barrels, we shall have Credit for only 3000, but on the contrary, if he was allowed to purchase only 3000 Barrels, we shall have a Right to claim a Deduction of 9000 Barrels out of the Quota of 20000 to be furnished by this State, agreeable to a Requisition of Congress of the 25th Feb^r last. We have sent you Permits to load the Schooners Walker and Morris with Flour for the Use of the French Fleet and Army and have directed the Commissioners of Baltimore Town to restore all the French Flour and Wheat in their Possession seized by them and if any of the Flour has been manufactured, to deliver the Flour produced therefrom.

William Smith Esq^r

We are &c

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140. Sir. We have wrote to Mr. Keppel to supply you with Cloathing for your Regiment.
Capt. George Hamilton
5th Reg^t

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141. Sir. We intend to send the Linen for the Officers to Land in a few Days, where you will have an Opportunity of being supplied, in Proportion to the Quantity that will be on Hand to be distributed.

We are &c

Capt. Richard Dorsey