

restored what they seized, Measures will be adopted to compel them to account for the Deficiency. We do not mean to give Assurances that cannot be depended on, and therefore must delay complying with your Request, 'til we obtain a full and satisfactory Account of the Flour and Wheat procured in consequence of our late Law. If we were to act otherwise, the Evils resulting from a Disappointment would be justly imputable to us. Our Sense of the Importance of supplying the French Fleets and Armies, corroborated by our earnest Desire that every Matter transacted in this State for the Interest of our Ally should give entire Satisfaction to the Minister, will prompt us to give the Assurance solicited as soon as possible and to use every Exertion to prevent his Plans and Operations from being disconcerted or in any Manner embarrassed. In our Letter of the 1st of April to Mr Smith, we requested him to inform us what Quantity of Flour and Wheat has been purchased in this State for the French Marine, and how much exported. By his Letter of the 13th April, he has promised to let us know the Amount of the Purchases made by him and his Deputies. This Information is necessary and we have no Doubt will be given, as soon as Mr Smith can get Returns from his Deputies. You may rest assured the 15000 Barrels will be made up, but, such is our present Situation that we cannot say when the whole will be delivered

We are &c.

Humble M^r. Holker.

In Council Annas 10th May 1780

Sir

Mr. John Davidson of this City, has deposited forty seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty six Dollars and two thirds of a Dollar, in the Continental Treasury here, in Expectation of receiving Bills of Exchange from Congress at the Rate of one Spanish Dollar for every forty Continental Dollars. If Bills cannot be obtained upon the above Terms, we have engaged to repay this Money to Mr. Davidson. The Continental and State Treasuries, are quite exhausted and the Demands of the Baron DeHalle could not have been answered, if we had not consented to that Expedient, to supply the Treasury with Money. We have been informed, Congress have sold Bills at the Rate herein specified; if that is the Case, as the Money has already been appropriated to the Use of Congress we suppose there cannot be any Objection to furnishing Mr. Davidson with the Bills

We have the Hon^r. &c.

President of Congress.