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In Council Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup>. May 1700

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We received yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. and have to lament that you should be so backward in your Collections. You must be mistaken respecting the Collection of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tax, as the 10<sup>th</sup> is to be paid in, by the 10<sup>th</sup> July, and the 5<sup>th</sup> ought to have been paid before this Time. We request you will furnish a W<sup>o</sup>. Fac<sup>t</sup>, agreeable to an Order given him  
We are &c

Joseph Baxter Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chf of Baltimore

In Council Annap<sup>s</sup> 23<sup>th</sup>. May 1700

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Sir. Not being able to ascertain the Wheat and Flour purchased by you for the Commonwealth of Virginia and seized by the Commissioners under the Law for supplying the Army &c, we request you to give us what Information you can on this Subject, that Measures may be taken to restore or replace the Quantity seized. We have only to add, that Permits will be granted for the Exportation to Virginia, of what is wanting to make up the Quantity of Flour which, by a Letter from the late Governour and Council you were allowed to purchase  
We are &c

Col<sup>l</sup> Samuel Smith

In Council Annapolis 23<sup>th</sup>. May 1700

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Sir. In consequence of your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>, we had hopes that such Information would have been obtained and communicated to us of the Quantity of Flour in the Hands of your Agents, as to have enabled us, by turning over what was deficient of the 15000 Barrels, to comply with the Resolue of the General Assembly. Being hitherto disappointed, we request you will give us the desired Information as speedily as possible. In the mean Time whatever you can purchase, within the Quantity wanted, will aid us in carrying into Execution the Intention of the Assembly, and in answering the Expectations of the Agent of the Marine of France, to whom we have enclosed a Copy of this Letter  
We are &c

William Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>

In Council Annap<sup>s</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>. May 1700

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Sir. Referring to ours of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. we think it would be satisfactory to you to be informed of the subsequent Steps we have taken, relative to the Flour to be furnished for the Use of the Fleets and Armies of His most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, and have therefore sent you  
We are &c  
The above to Mr. Wm Smith

Humble W<sup>o</sup>. W<sup>o</sup>