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We have just received yours of the 25th Ult. and expect to have
No 108 Return you mention and to hear that you are forwarding the Wheat
to the Head of Elk. We have some Medicine in the State Store which
Doct. Davidson may have for the Amount of the Wheat purchased of
him, if, on his Application, we can spare all the Articles he wants.
The new Money will be out in a few Days and it must be rated
in your Purchases at 40 Continental Dollars for one new Dollar.
Under our present Difficulties and the Necessity there is of supplying
the Army immediately, we must request you to procure the Flour
on the best Terms you can, but we wish you not to exceed
one and a half new Dollars ^{per} Bushel of Wheat. The Propriety of
keeping this Direction secret, will, doubtless, occur to you
Chas. Blacke Esq. We are &c.

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109 Sir. This confirms your Appointment to the Commissariate of Baltimore
County and the Laws directing your Conduct in the Execution of that Trust.
This State having fallen very considerably short for the two last
Months back, of the Supplies particularly of Flour, which were required
and have been expected by Congress and the Committee of Cooperation,
it is incumbent on us to endeavour by every Means in our Power
to make up that Deficiency immediately and to have a Prospect
of continuing the Supplies. In this the Reputation of this State
is deeply concerned as well as the General Interest of America
at this particular Crisis, as you will readily perceive by the
enclosed Extracts of Letters received by us. Under these Circumstances
we have to request your immediate and most diligent Attention to
this Business. If our Information is well founded, there is a very
considerable Quantity of Flour for Sale in your Town & the Price
reasonable, and probably, more may be done in a Week by you
than in a Month by all the ^{other} ~~rest~~ of the Commissioners in the
State. This would, at this Time, relieve us from very distressing
Circumstances. To have it in our Power to inform the Commissary
General of a certain and considerable Supply which may be
relied on in a short Time, might be the Means of preventing a
Disaffection of Part of the Army under the Commander in Chief
and remedying the disgraceful Circumstance so strongly described