

We believe you judge very right in preferring Flour to Wheat. C. C. Col^o Hyde has not yet returned, we hope he will soon be with you, with the Money. From a Letter rec^d by this Day's Post, we are induced so far to change our former Instructions to you as, instead of sending it forward to Christeen, that you will let it continue in the Mills, where you purchase it and that you will send us, by the 20th of May, an Account of what you have on Hand and the particular Place where each quantity of it lies, noting the Distance to the most convenient Landing, from whence it may be taken on each Bay, in the mean Time write us by every Post.

We are &^{ca}

M^r Sam^l Gilpin.

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779

Sir

We are glad to hear you have been so successful in your Purchase. We had a principal Dependance on your County and wish you to get as much more as you can; there's no great Probability of a speedy fall in the Price. The Accounts we have received, we believe too well founded of the great Injury to the growing Grain by the Frost, is very alarming and will much contribute to keep up the Price. Considering that Harford is in such a Situation that the Expences of Transportation as well as the Delay of it will be much less than from many other Places and relying on your Activity, we would very reluctantly have any, in the best Situations taken out of your Hands. If you can purchase at £20 you had best not hesitate or even if you could strike for 1000 Barr^{ls} of good fresh Flour at £22 . . 10. you had better not let it slip you; too much depends on a Supply, to hazard it. The Permission granted by Congress to the New England Agents to purchase, has of Course raised the Price, and the Congress must have expected it. If you can draw Money from Philadelphia, it will be entirely agreeable to us but we suspect you cannot; we have sent for Money, but have not got it yet; Col^o Hyde is waiting for it. The Supply, we are afraid, will not be so ample as it ought; to be. We shall furnish you as far as we can, if you do not get it as you expect. It is necessary you qualify and give Bond, according to the Act. The Shorts and Bran, if it cannot be disposed of otherwise to Advantage, had better be sent to M^r Calhoun at Baltimore; or H. Hollingsworth at the head of Elk, to feed the Continental Horses. From a Letter received by this Day's Post, we are induced to request that you'll have