

Price & the use of the Market left most People interested in the sale of the Wheat on hand, which laid us under such difficulties that a considerable time elapsed before we could find Persons within the description of the Law to make a Valuation. This at last has been done and the price fixed on here is £20 7^p Bushell for Wheat & £ 70 7^p C^t for Flour. Corn there will be very little and I dont know that as yet any has been Valued, but suppose the Price will fix at £10 7^p Bushell. I shall have in the District I have taken about 700 barrells of Flour 6 or 700 Bushell Indian Corn & between 1500 & 2000 Bushell of Wheat, the other Gent^l told me a few days ago they expected to get not more than from 4 to 5000 bushell of Wheat between them & little or no corn or Rye. I have appointed next Tuesday to meet the other Com^{rs} and hope then to be able to make a proper return. I wrote the 16th last Month to Col^l Francis Wade D. Q. M. at Wilmington informing Him that I then had 200 barrells Flour, requesting that Waggon^s if to be had might be sent after it, His answer was that they had Flour & Forrage enough in that part of the Country to give full employment to all their Teams & He expected that during the Frost the Magazines would be furnished enough to answer every purpose without extending their Views for supplies thus far. So that the Flour &c in this Place must lay till the Navigation opens. We are directed by the Law to what Landings to send the Supplies, but to whose care we know not, therefore must request Your direction.

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[Ignat's Taylor to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r and the Hon^{ble} the Council] February 4

Gentlemen As a Commissioner in St. Mary's County under the Act of the General Assembly entituled an Act for the immediate supply of flour and other Provisions for the Army, have taken into my possession eleven barrells of flour and seven hundred and fifteen bushells of Indian Corn, Six hundred bushells of which was engrossed & taken on board a Vessell. If Your Excellency & the Hon^{ble} the Council think it most advisable that the Vessell be retained until the frost is fully broke to Carry the Provision up the Bay, or that it be Stored, if the latter I conceive it will be most expensive from the inconvenience attending the landing and getting a Store house Proper for the keeping it. Hope to receive your instructions on this business Shortly.

[Sam^l & Robt. Purviance, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r]

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Sir The unfortunate detention of The Ship Buckskin & Four other large Vessels in which we are interested, have subjected us to the great Expence of Revictualing them before they can leave Patuxent.