

Last I have Agreed for Nine Hundred & Two Bushells Corn Two  
 Hundred and three Bushells Rye forty five Bushell Wheat and  
 three Barrells flour (the flour 66 at £50 p C<sup>t</sup> the Cash given in)  
 I think there is but very Little if any more to be got in my Neigh-  
 bourhood

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[Luther Martin Baltimore Town to His Excellency The Governor]

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 No. 2

Sir I have before me your Excellencys Letter of the third Instant  
 delivered to me by M<sup>r</sup> Enloes, and as I cannot concur altogether  
 in the State already presented, must beg leave to trouble your Excel-  
 lency with the following Narrative of facts as they appeared from  
 the Evidence at the Trial

A certain Stephen Joyce, with others was in the House of M<sup>r</sup>  
 Beachum at Fells point where he behaved, without any provocation,  
 in a very disorderly and abusive manner, particularly towards George  
 Blackstone, until Blackstone irritated by his Abuse and being chal-  
 lenged by him to fight went out of Doors with Joyce for that Pur-  
 pose, but upon M<sup>r</sup> Beachums remonstrating to Blackstone the Im-  
 propriety of his exposing himself in that manner Blackstone returned  
 quietly into the house into which Joyce followed him continuing his  
 Abuse until M<sup>r</sup> Beachum pushed him out and fastened the Door.  
 Joyce being much under the Influence of Intoxication & Passion con-  
 ducted himself like a Madman tearing his Hair and beating his  
 fists ag<sup>t</sup> the walls of the House and the Pales of the Garden and  
 having by so doing Skinned his knuckles, his hands and face were  
 bloody. At this time no Violence had been offered to him or In-  
 jury done him, save the putting him out of the house in consequence  
 of his abusive conduct there. In that Situation Joyce ran a small  
 distance to the House where Joel Higginbottom (who had been his  
 fellow-Prentice) lived, and finding him at the Door caught him  
 under the Arm and telling him he had been extremely illused  
 requested him to go with him and instantly hurried him away. They  
 went together to Beachums, and having opened the Door Joyce  
 as before began to abuse Blackstone challenging him to come out  
 & fight him, which Blackstone refused telling him at the same time  
 if he struck him he would apply to the Laws for redress. Joel Hig-  
 ginbottom also stripped and told the Company if there were any  
 there that had anything to say to Joyce he was ready to answer him  
 or to that purpose. And also called upon Blackstone to come out &  
 fight Joyce, telling him he should have faire play. during these  
 Transactions one Samuel Dunn who was with the company in the  
 house, who has the character of having been a very quiet inoffensive  
 young Man, and who appears not to have interfered in any measure  
 in the Quarrel before that time, went out of the House and was  
 standing in the Yard or Garden, I do not recollect which, where  
 were Joyce and Higginbottom. The Witnesses agree that he ap-