

fleet added to the hatred to me they have taken for my steady Attachment to the Independence of America and my Acceptance of the Execution of the Act to procure flour and other provisions for the Army Especially The seizure of the wheat at New Markett that was Intended to be Carried out of the State has caused those Villians to hire some Abandoned Wretch to set those Mills on fire I am the more Inclined to this Opinion because it was known that I was at Annapolis and it is said the Tories were Industiously reporting that I was at Annapolis to apply for a Commission of the like nature. Now Gentlemen I have no doubt but you'll Consider this Crime in full as heinous a light as myself and that it proceeded from the same Motives I therefore request the favour of you to apply for me to the Governor and Council to Issue their proclamation Offering a reward to any person whoe will discover the persons Concerned and proclaiming full and free pardon to the person making the Information unless he should be the principal and if the Governo^r and Council can doe nothing for me to apply to the General Assembly or both in your Discretion to doe what you think Just and reasonable for me if any Expencc should Acrue in printing or any other manner if you'll pay it for me I will reimburse you the money. June 29

The deposition of John Cooper aged seventeen being duly sworn saith, that he has been Clark to Col^o Isaac Perkins about five months & superintendant of his Mills, that on the 27th instant at night between Sun set & Dark he was at the Mill, at which time, no fire was in the Mill or near it to his knowledge, that the negroe Fellow (Miller) brought him the said Cooper the Key of the Mill within ten minutes after; that about one o'Clock in the night, he was awaked by Daniel Greenwood blacksmith to the said Isaac Perkins, who told him that the mill was on fire that he immediately arose & went towards the Mill, at which time it was nearly consumed together with a Saw Mill & fulling Mill, & that about an hour & half, the said Mills were entirely reduced to ashes, that there was destroy'd in the Griest Mill a Quantity of Flour which he supposes to be from fifty to ninety barrells & about one hundred & thirty or forty barrells of ship stuff & that he is of opinion the said Mills were set on fire designedly. W. Bordley June 28

[H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. Gl. Head of Elk, to His Excellency, June 28
Thomas Sim Lee in Council]

Gentlemen. Inclosed is the account of Flour & Wheat that has come to this Post since the seizing Law took Place. I have apply'd to M^r Pat. Ewing's assistant for an account of his which he says it cant yet be had untill he settles with the Millers, and as several of them Lives out of the neighbourhood I cant conveniently procure the