

September 9 Rec^d in discharg of the 15 p^r Cent. but believe We shall Get very Little of that Article as it is scarce and Esq^r Jenefer has already engaged all that was for sale in the county for the use of the army. I shall take Every advisable measure to have the Deserters apprehended. Jackson I have already Got and believe he has been prevented joining the Regiment by Sickness. Tho shall send him with five other Recruits for Annapolis this day,

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[Jas. Calhoun Baltimore to the Honble Council]

Gentlemen Since my return I find a M^r Mathews of this Town is buying flour for the Directors of the Bank at Philad^a which am apprehensive will considerable interfer with my purchases and tend to raise the prices, I called on that Gentleman yesterday & informed him that there was a Law of the State against sending Provision away without permission of the Gov^r & Council (which by the by expires this day unless you issue a Proclamation to the contrary) he was a good deal alarmed & asured me that his purchases yet did not amount to more than 300 Bb^{les} none of which should be sent farther than Elk until he rec^d other instructions

As the Bank at Philad^a was established for the purpose of supplying the Army it appears to me that if a greater quantity of wheat or flour came to this Market for sale than our finances would enable us to purchase that it would be right to permit those Gentlemen to be supplyd from hence as it would tend to establish a constant & certain Market to the farmer as well as aiding the common cause but submit it to your Hon^{rs} how far it would be prudent to have a competition of purchases which always tend to raising of prices, my humble opinion is that it would be most for the public interest if the whole could go through the same channel

M^r Smith is candid enough to confess that he is apprehensive a considerable part of the flour he proposed to lend is the worse for keeping but says that he cannot be justified in having it pick'd & the worst left on his hand, the Bread I believe is chiefly made up of flour that was in danger of spoiling

The Collectors of this County are but just entering upon that business the only one I have yet seen is M^r McGlaughlin of this Town who promises to raise the money for your order in my favour as soon as possible

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[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County, to Gov. Lee]

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Sir In Consequence of yours of the 21 Ult. which I Rec^d this day week, Immediately rode round the County in Sarch of pork, Cattle & Wheat, the latter I believe I shall not get one B^{ls} of as 5 p C^t more is offred for it to seed the Ground & Thirty five Barrels of pork was all I Could Ingage, Owing as I Believe to Col^o Dag-