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Head qrs Elk August 25th 1781

Accept please your Excellency

and Honours

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Gentlemen

Your favour of the 14th by Capt Conway

I received with, as also one hundred pounds of the new Emission,

which I thank you for; not that it is of any use to me in making

payment, for executing the business of the State, on your orders, but

as it gives a sanction, and shews the will for the deed, I must put up

with it, and if it possibly can will circulate as Specie, otherways

shall return it. I had spared my Subscription and had the promise

of several Subscribers to a considerable amount, and was indeavouring

to procure the promise of more, when the money met with a stroke

at Baltimore which stuck it up here for the present, which as

we lay in a direct line between that place and Philadelphia it

cannot recover until it will pass at one of those places, as soon as

that is the Case I shall attempt it again and set an Example

by subscribing 500£. ——— I observe your orders regarding

flour, and have had near 500 Barrels of Meal bolted over again to

fill your order in favour of Mr Smith, without getting one Barrel

to pass, and as the flour that redeemed is all rather Stale, I am

in no expectations of getting any in that way that will do for

the Philad.a Market, (as the new flour is now coming in there)

and the demand very flat. I have therefore delivered over to Colo

Yeates, yesterday one hundred and fifty four Barrels that I received

the day before from Mr Charles Blake of Queen Anne County, in

pretty good order, though too Stale to run the hazard of bolting

over again without a view of serving Mr Smith, as experience has now

taught me that Stale flour ground and put up according to

the act of Assembly will not do for the present Philad.a Market

(dress it as we will) and the Extra expence attending the bolting it

over again, and procuring waggons, Casks, nails, Coopers &c is very

considerable, not one shilling of which the State money of

either old or new emission will pay. I shall therefore in future

deliver all the old flour over to the Quarter Master or Storekeeper

that he will take, and if he rejects any, that can be helped

by bolting it over again shall do it, and any flour that you

intend for Mr Smith I take the liberty of recommending

that it be made out of the new wheat (or good old) Many

=spectors from the Origin for that purpose, I am encouraged

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