

Sir,

Phila. Oct. 4th 1779.

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Your Excellency's letter of the 28th ult. together with the applications from the Executive Council & Board of War of Vir^g we laid before Congress, and in consequence thereof, you have ^{an} Act recommending the permitting of as much Bread, Flour & Wheat to be exported for the State of Virginia as may be wanted for its Public supply.

The State of Maryland its said ship the Baltimore Packet Capt. Reed with 10. 300 lbs Pounds. on her return to Philadelphia, they were left in the care of the Navy board, and have been delivered to Messrs Morris & Mosby, who say, that they purchased them. The Navy board want those guns, & would give a

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great price for them. Requested to inform us whether the guns belong to our State, or to M. & N. if to the former is it your opinion that we may let the Navy board have them at the present prices offered.

We are with the greatest respect & esteem

Your Excellency's Obedt^h Servant

P.S.
Perhaps you may meet with an opportunity of trans-
mitting the enclosed to Messrs
Morgan & Brother.

Wm. Trea
James Forbes
Dart of the Senate