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Your Excellency will be informed by the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Commander in chief to Congress, that a large quantity of Flour will be immediately wanted for the Army. We have calculated upon the State of Maryland's furnishing Ten thousand Barrs. over and above what Mr. Holker's Agents want for the Count D'estaigne's Fleet, which we have reason to believe is more than half laid in. The Agents for Virg.a should suspend his Purchases for that State till the Ten thousand Barrs. for General Washington are procured. Vessels must be had if possible for the Transportation of this Flour to such place as his Excellency the General shall hereafter direct.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

To enable you to furnish the Purchasers with Money, you will from time to time draw from your Treasury such sums as have, or may come into into it from Continental Taxes; and whatever may be further wanted, must be sent from this place of which be pleased to forward an Estimate. But as the Continental Treasury is very low, we beg of you to press as little upon it as possible.

Altho it is well known to the Enemy that the Count D'estaigne may be hourly expected, yet as it is not known that the General & he are to act in Concert, Congress have enjoined its Members to Secrecy, which you &

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