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Sir

Upon a Representation from the General the Commissary General and the Quarter Master General relating to the Distresses of the Army for Provisions and the certainty of being obliged to leave the present Seat of the War in Quest of them unless effectual Measures be taken to supply the Want Congress have been induced to adopt the extraordinary Measure of appointing us a Committee to take such Steps as we shall think proper. We have to assure your Excellency that it is utterly impracticable to maintain the Army without the Assistance of every separate State and even then there is but too much Reason to believe that the People as well as the Army will suffer for Want of Bread before the next Harvest especially if the Exportation or Monopoly of Provisions prevails. At present we have to intreat that the whole Authority of your State may be exerted to procure Vessels for the Shipping of Flour to the Eastward. It is certainly unnecessary to add that as much Secrecy should be observed as is consistent with the Nature of the Business.

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MARYLAND.

With the highest Respect we are

Your Excellency's

most obedient

&

humble Servants

Gouv Morris

Nath. Scudder

Wm Whipple