Philad^a July 18th 1780.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith a Letter from His Exc^y the President of Congress and another from his Excel^y the Minister of France with an act of Congress recommending to the Government of Maryland to permit the purchase & Exportation of 3000 barrells of Flour to the Spanish West Indies in order to Supply the Fleet & Armies of Spain Acting against the Common Enemy. My Connection with the late Dr. Juan de Miralles to whose last will I am an Executor, and the Assistance I am Constantly giving to the Operations of our Allies in this Country Induced the Chev^r de La Luzerne to request I would undertake the Execution of this business to which I have Assented, and in order to prevent Competition and that as little noise or Stir may be made as possible, I have proposed that Wm Smith Esqr of Baltimore, whilst Acting for the Royal