Baltimore September 14 — 1778

Sir/ I have One Favour to Ask which is your Patience to Read this Through — as I hear it has Been Reported to you that I have Loded 2 Vessells from Bermudas, I will Truly, Relate all I know of them, in as Short a Manner as I Can, the Large Vessell, Capt Cox, Carried 12 hundred Bushells of Salt, which I Bought of him, he was Recommended heere as a Worthy Man, and a friend to America, I waited on you Sir, & the Counsill, for Permission to Lode, with Provisions, which he Could not Doo, he Purchased from Mee 41 or 42 hhd of Tobacco, and I Sent them on Bord of him, he Purchast Some Small Parcells of Bacon from the Crafft, all the Soape & Candells he Could get in town, and a few Bbls of Bree from the Bakers, I think Not Exceeding 10 and a few bbls of flour Not More then 15 and then he told Mee Reportedly, that his Vessell could Stow 100 bbls of flour More But Could Not take it on a Count of the Embargo, and I Verrily Believe So he went to Sey for a Sum of Money Still Remaining he Left in My hands

The Other Was a Small Vessell Built after the Fassion Made for Running and Carried But 600 Sum Of bushells of Salt, which I likewise Bought - I Put on Bord of him 6 hhd Tobaco he Bought all the Soape and Candells he Could get, My Brother in Philadelphia had Sent Mee

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