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Sir

Head of Elk Sept.r 14.th 1779

I Rec.d yours of the 8.th Inst. and have noted the Contents — Although I have had no special warning with respect to the Situation of our Army, I have been in fears about it and have conducted my self accordingly: I have made all the purchas I could and am forwarding the flour as fast as possible, I have

145 engaged all the mills in this County, and think I have been rather long about it, owing to the formality and precision of Orders — pointed in your Excellencies letter — The Millers are engaged for me and believe in a short time shall be able to yield a plentiful Supply in proportion to my district — but the wet weather heretofore hath prevented the Farmers from getting out so large quantities of Wheat as they otherwise wd. have done; and the restrictions I have heretofore ~~[illegible]~~ attempted laying them under hath prevented their Industry in procuring such quantities as I could have wished —

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You may depend nothing shall be wanting on my part to yield on the best terms, every thing in my power for the relief of our Army — and so much depends on a plentiful supply of Money from time to time, hope I shall not be disappointed — This evening I proceed to Kent County, where I intend to Engage every Miller before I return, and procure all the flour I can find in that County

I am your Excellencies
Most Obed.t Serv.t

Patrick Ewing Abp

His Excellency
Thomas Johnson Esq.r