Sir

Baltimore October 28th 1778

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This will be handed you by Capt. Styles of the Schooner Swan from Boston. he waits on yr. Excellcy for permission to take on board his vessell a cargo of flour for the use of the United States

I likewise inclose for your perusal a Letter from the Marine committee of Congress, directed to me, which will shew that this vessell is to be loaded on public account. I would just observe that the Swan came to my address from the Navy Board for the Eastern department, & is to be loaded under my direction by the Commissary Genl. of Purchases

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Or I have not taken a Copy of my letter from the Marine comte. you'll please to return it by the bearer - yet he is very pressing to get away wrong they you'll give him all possible dispatch

I am with esteem your

His Exy Thomas Johnson Esq.

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