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Alexandria in Virginia Sept. 9. 1778

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I gave you the trouble of a Letter at Annapolis respecting the State of the Commissaries department — on my Arrival here I find the Evils mention'd in that Letter are spread to this State, a great Number of distilleries are also employ'd in distilling Grain, and threaten the destruction of the Army, I shall soon be at Williamsburgh and represent the matter to Governor Henry and have no doubt the Legislatures of this & your State will take such measures as may be best calculated to remedy the Evils & enable me to furnish the Army with Bread — I do not mean to give unnecessary Alarms — but am certain I shall not be able to give the Army Bread under the present embarrassments

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellencies most Hble. Servt.
Jonathan Wadsworth Com. Genl.

His Excellcy Governor Johnson