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West Point August
27th 1779

Sir,

I have delayed for some days to express my fears to your Excellency that there would be a want of flour for the army, expecting Mr. Flints return from Philadelphia and hoping he would bring more favourable accounts than I have hitherto had - but he not returning every information I have been able to obtain confirms me in a belief that we shall be out of flour in three weeks - I have obtained from the State of New York all the State magazine of flour, the whole of their last years crop of Wheat is exhausted, the new is not threshed and I have no hopes of obtaining any supplies soon in this State. I am unacquainted with the State of the Magazines in Philadelphia, and in Maryland the flour is not under my direction, the supply for three weeks is on this side the Delaware and with the greatest oeconomy will not last longer than that time.

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I am Your Excellency's
Obed.

Jere.h Wadsworth

His Excellency Genl. Washington