I think it would be also well, should the Maine Committee be directed to turn their attention to the transportation of Flour from the Delaware and Chesapeake by Water. Should we obtain the command of the Sea, Vessels may, without the least danger, be introduced into the Hook, thence to Amboy, from whence their Cargoes may be easily conveyed in Boats to Newark Bay, or should some of them even round into the Sound, it would be equally, may, more convenient. Should we operate to the Eastward, measures of this kind will be indispensibly necessary, as the length and difficulty of land Carriage will render the subsistence of a Body of Men almost impossible.

The Wheat of Maryland being in more forwardness for grinding than any other, I could wish that Governor Johnson may be requested to push the purchases within that State, the Commissary General gives the fullest encouragement as the scarcity of Beef but of Flour he continues to express his fears.

I have the honor to be &c.

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NB. The Frigates were countermanded & ordered to be in readiness to join the Count Grasse the Instant he was received.

His Excellency John Jay Esq.