Sir, Philadelphia March 20. 1781.

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A few days since I was informed of a parcel of biscuit in this city which came from Maryland, & is said to be unfit for use. More of the same kind is baking at the head of Elk & Baltimore. But for more particular information I beg leave to refer your Excellency to the certificate of Mr. Ludwick Master Baker to the army, a copy of which is inclosed. Your Excellency may depend on his testimony, for he is a competent judge in his profession, and a very honest man. I thought it necessary to advise your Excellency of this matter, as my duty obliges me to direct my deputy and his storekeepers to receive no more such bread;

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I have the honour to be with the greatest respect your most obed.t Serv.t

T. Pickering Q.M.G.

Governor Lee