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Dear Sir,

The great scarcity of grain in this State, the distress of the Inhabitants and the number of men that my brothers have to feed in the common order of their business, together with the increased number they now employ in manufacturing a large quantity of tools for the Army — Have put them upon the measure of attempting to import a quantity of Flour from the State of New York. This will be handed you by Mr. Christopher Greene, a brother of mine who has the direction of the business — He will apply to your Excellency for a permit, which I must beg you to grant him; both from a regard to the distress of the People, and to promote the business of the Quartermaster.
Master General's department under their direction.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Your Excellency's most Obd. humble servant.

[Signature]

[August 14, 1778]

Letter from Capt. Green

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His Excellency

Gov. Clinton