

I must confess has not a little disturbed me. — The wise Secretary
with you said, when ~~this~~ the proclamation first came out. — I nothing
but Wheat & Flour ~~is~~ is permitted. — but we have had a solemn
decision in the Admiralty Court here, that indian meal is flour
within the meaning of the proclamation. — Mark how the matter
is managed. — The whole is entered at the Custom-house as Flour
~~but~~ to avoid any dispute about its coming within the proclamation —
— but flour pays a provincial duty — therefore with the Treasurer
of the Province it is entered as it really is, Indian meal. —
I will not believe that the Governor had an idea of permitting
Indian meal to be imported. — The consequence with us must be
that we must shut up the mills — for if it is open at all we
must be at the expense of a ^{keeping} miller, & the little that we can
grind will not pay half his wages. — It is true, this is griev-
ing to no purpose, because we cannot help ourselves — but these
facts ought to be known. — It can be demonstrated that to the
Province it makes the difference of 30 per cent between im-
porting the meal or the Corn. — With respect to the African

By the way there is a Capt. Clements just come from New York
who I understand has taken some pains to inform himself
respecting its operation. — and I have been told he says
it does not touch the Grain nor is communicated by it
— he will be with you I suppose as I understand he lives in
your County — from him you may learn more about it.
— But ~~with~~ as to the prohibition of Wheat on that account, I
have always thought it right, that no risque should be
run — as to the importation of indian meal I think
nothing can justify it. — I am not in a humour
to write upon any other subject so God bless you

Yours ever yours most
affectionately
M.