

August 2 most probable means to preserve (as he thott) his own life & serve his Country

August 2 [George Dashiell, Somerset County to His Excellency  
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Sir I embrace the oppertunity to inform you that we have not been able to recruit our compliment of men agreeable to the directions of the State Law we have enlisted ten only and apprehended three Deserters belonging to the Delaware State. In consequence of which fifty two Militia men is ordered out to supply the vacancy. In case the whole or any part of them should March we are at a loss in what manner to order out the officers to command them, as the rank is unsettled and request the favour of your Excellency to advise me what method we are to pursue. I wrote you in my last relative to my purchase of Corn, and shall thank you to inform me how I am to proceed with those persons who alledge they have it not in their power to comply with their contracts. My constant attendance on publick business since the receipt of your fav<sup>r</sup> by Doct. Winder has Prevented my making you a return of the Arms Ammunition &c. I expect to have it in my power in a few days to comply with your request.

August 3 [Tho. Richardson, Com'y, Georgetown, to His Excellency,  
Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Sir I am under the necessity of requesting that you would send me by return of Post some blank Certificates.

Wheat begins to come in fast & were it Possible to supply me with Cash I should doubtless make a pretty good Purchase, I should have Requested another order on the Sheriff but he has not been able to pay fully the one I have & he informs me it will answer no purpose to get any more as he receives so little money in his collection that he has no Prospect of paying them, the people from whom I have rec<sup>d</sup> Wheat are exceedingly pressing for money & I have encourag'd them all to expect it very soon, must therefore request you to inform me when I may be able to get a Supply from the Treasury, that I may come for it,

August 3 [Richd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee]  
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Sir The want of money is like to be attended with very serious consequences to me therefore shall be much obliged to Your Excellency if I am inform'd whether there is any probability of my getting money & when I may send down, if it cannot be sent by the Post, the Bearer I must entreat your Excellency to inform me as my situation is such I must in a few days part with Negroes or Land to Answer the Demands on me