

March 20 to the certificate of M^r Ludwick—Master Baker to the army, a copy
 Brown Book of which is inclosed. Your Excellency may depend on his testimony,
 No. 8 Letter 2 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 re-
 ceive no more such bread.

March 16 . [Christophel Ludwick, Baker Master, Philadelphia, to
 Brown Book Col. Pickering, Q. M. G.]
 No. 8

Letter 24
 [copy]

When I was lately at the Head of Elk and Baltimore I saw considerable quantities of hard bread or biscuit, which I found was baked for the use of the Army, About two hundred Barrels of the like kind of bread are now in this City, which were brought hither from the head of Elk; but the bread is so bad that even the prisoners of war in goal refuse to receive it. All such bread if sent to the Army will be condemned, & become a loss to the United States, in addition to the great expence attending the transportation of it, The materials of which that bread was made, were from its appearance, condemned flour with a large proportion of ship Stuff; and the preparing & baking them very badly performed

March 20 [Fran's Ware, Port Tobacco, to Col^o John H. Stone]

The following Gentlemen are Recommended to fill Vacancys in The Militia of this County to wit. Bennet Dyson Cap^t of the Company formerly Commanded by Cap^t John Parnham Resign'd the 12 Batalion. Samuel Lucket Capt. Robert Tayler 1 Lieu^t Humphrey Posey 2 Lieu^t and George Dunnington Ensign of the Company Late Mastins 26 batalion, I Rec^d a Commission for Luckitt some time ago; Which I enclosed in a letter to him, but as it Never come to hand, Suppose some mischievius person has distroyed it, Therefore beg you will furnish him another, as also the above mention'd Gentlemen by the first opertunity. I Rec^d your Favour p^r Charles Willitt but it is not in my power as yet to place Him to a Class as We have not Completly settled them, but as soon as that is done, shall do What is necessary. I am sorry to inform you that it appears to me that we shall be able to Raise but very few Recruits in this County this year, having heretofore been much pillaged of our youth tho be assured S^r that I shall do every thing in my power to promote the Service,

March 21 [Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Governor and Council]
 (Han^d by Mr. Smith.)

Yours of the 19th was last night delivered me. M^r Smith who is the bearer of this has the quantity of Bread you require which he will either sell or exchange for Flour. As he goes to Annapolis have thought it most proper to refer the bargain to your Honble Board