

January 16

[Fran's Ware, Port Tobacco, to Gov. Lee.]

May it please your Excellency Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> Came to hand Late yesterday Evening, in Conciquence of Which I have Given Orders to the field Officers to notify the same to the officers of their Respective batalions, With Strict orders to the Militia to hold themselves in Readiness to march on the Shortest notice—at the same time I think it my duty to inform you that we are Lacking both armes and ammuniton as you may Discover by adverting to my Last Return of the State of Public Stores &c. Which I Expect you Received by the Hand of Daniel Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup> a few months ago—upon the Whole I think We have not more than 150 Stand of armes both public and private Within the County fit for Service.

Therefore Wish you Could furnish us in such manner as to Enable us to oppose the Enemy With Spirit at Least beg We may be supplied with some powder that is Good

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[Daniel Carroll, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee]

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly done me the honor to elect me a Delegate to Congress, which appointment I intend to accept. I hereby resign my seat as a Member of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council,

I am Sir with every sentiment of respect & esteem Y<sup>r</sup> Excellency's M<sup>o</sup> ob<sup>t</sup> very H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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[George Dashiell, Somerset County, to Gov. Lee.]

I rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> last evening and in answer Assure your Excellency that I shall use my best Endeavours to have the Arms belonging to this County immediately put in order, relative to the militia of the County I can only say that it is not in my power to compel them to render their services to the State under the present Militia law, If your Excellency think it consistent I should acknowledge it a favour if you would make the Assembly Acquainted with the refractory disposition of the Militia of the County.

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[Jos<sup>a</sup> Beall, Lieut P<sup>s</sup> G<sup>s</sup> C<sup>ty</sup> to His Excellency  
Thomas Simm Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

The inclosed is a letter I receiv<sup>d</sup> from Maj<sup>r</sup> Lyles respecting the appointment of a field officer for that Battalion, by which you will see the Situation we are in with respect to Arms; And without some greater fines inflicted on the people for non Attendance, & a smart peanalty on Sheriffs for not serving Executions when put into their hands, Militia officers will be but mear ciphers indeed.