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[W^m Lyles Jr. Green Plains, to Coll. Joshua Beall, Lieut of Prince George's County] January 15

Your favour of the 13th I have duely rec^d I shall endeavour without loss of time to have the different companys called together and examine into the State of their Arms &c. and make a return to you immediately I have it done, I believe you are pretty well acquainted with the situation of our Arms &c^a in this County. Shamefull to be thought of, I am certain we have not Arms enough in my Battalion to arm one Company, & those not fit to go into the field with. I dclivc'd your letter to the Governor recommending Cap^t J. H. Beanes as a proper person to be the Major to the lower Battalion. The Governor inform'd me he cou'd not issue a Commission for him without the Approbation of the Officers belonging to the Battalion, Accordingly I order'd a meeting of the Captains and they Unanimously recommended him as their Major, If you have an Opportunity to Annapolis you'l be pleas'd to mention it to the Governor and request a Majors Commission may Issue immediately for him, as I am much at a loss for an Officer to assist me in doing the Business of the Battalion,

N B.—Inclos'd you will receive Cap^t Wailes return of fines
W. L.

[Daniel Jenifer, Portobacco, To His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] January 17

When I had the honor of Addressing your Ex^{cy} on Monday last I informed Your Ex^{cy} of the quantity of Beef and Pork that might be expected from this County, provided Salt came in Time to secure it. Yesterday a considerable quantity was missed for want of Salt. I am not without hopes of securing at the least the quantity ment^d that many Insist upon Specie for at least one half and indeed to some I have promised hard money. Therefore if your Ex^{cy} cou'd send two or Three hundred pounds of the solid you may depend upon its being Eked out to the greatest advantage. It seems that the Enemy were defeated in their expectations ags^t Petersburg, Gen^l Smallwood on his way to Maryland put himself (as tis said) at the head a body of Militia Engaged defeated and totally routed the Enemy, those that did not fall fled to their Shipping which immediately moved down James River.

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[Ign^s Fenwick to Richard Barnes, Esq^r]

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You will receive herewith by M^r Forrest one George Clarke of S^t Georges who is the person described by the Gov^r also one Lee who lives by him & as I have been informd has been on B^d with Clarke, my brother Jo, I think would have been able to satisfy the Gov^r of there going on B^d but has been from home & could not be now Summoned Doctor Brihon they have been after at two or three