

[Joseph Ford, Leonard Town, to Gov. Lee.]

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I am Honour'd with Letters from Your Honorable Board of the 5. 9. & 11th Instant that of the 11th enclosing an Order on the Collector for Fifteen Thousand pounds of Tobacco. I have been collecting Cattle Agreeable to Orders and Must say for that part of the people that I have been with that they parted with them with willingness I shall be able in Ten days to forward my number and must observe that there is at Least one Thousand as much exposed. I do imagine that it will not be wrong to send those steers Returned on Hand forward with them many people here would willingly discharge there Class money in Bacon but it is determined here that it was not the intention of the Assembly.

M^r Archibald Campbell Merchant in this Town has Two or Three pieces of Ozna^{bs} and a few pieces of Low priced dutch Linnens for sale I applied to him for them he says they belong to M^r David Stewart Baltimore and that Stewart has already furnished large supplies for public use I should have taken them Agreeable to Law, but was of opinion that such goods were to be had in Baltimore on better terms as these were brought from there he has promised me not to sell them till I get directions Respecting them which I Hoped your Excellency And the Honble Council will take under consideration and inform me what I shall do in the matter the Enemies Ships has left Potomack except the one thought to be a flagg, without doing any damage Except the Burning one M^r Blackstones House

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr, In Council.]

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And Please your Excell^y & Honours On examining the Flour that is come to hand Manufactured for the state I find part of it very badly handled, and put up in bad casks, and those being not nailed or lin'd makes them still worse, and in one quantity a mixture of Indian Meal among the Flour, as this quantity comes from a distant county, shall omit mentioning names at present, but shall give them at full length hereafter some of the Millers I have spake to on the Subject of their flour being bad who say the Wheat was not good, or well cleaned, this leads me to mention one clause omitted in my last (viz) that all wheat received in the specific supply shall be clean and Merchantable and shall weigh at least fifty eight pounds ρ Bushell, or if it should not weigh that, (ρ Bushell) that it be made up at least, of good clean Merchantable wheat, as to casks I need not say any thing on them, as I never saw a good one come from the lower Countys; I think it would be necessary that the Commissary of each County keep at least two of the Teams now collecting to assist collect and forward their provisions and that corn be admitted in part of the Specific supply as tis very much wanted, I hope your Excel-