

relates to the Prisoners here, Your hon^{rs} will receive in Clos'd a Petition which was handed to me Sign'd by the Principles in Town, they are so desirous of hav^g the Court at this Place that they have employ'd a person to go express

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N. B. the cloathing which was ordered to this place is not yet arrived

[Thos. Contee to Gov. Lee.] (Mr. A. Thomas)

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The bearer A Thomas had some Goods from M^r A. Contee to barter for Tobacco on Patuxent at fixed prices. M^r William Clagett seized a part of them for the Army, for which he gave a Certificate, he says he was Authorized by Law.

To Arrest the Property of any man entitled to the protection of his Country must hurt the feelings of every man who wishes to be free. M^r Thomas has the Account of the goods at the rates he was ordered to dispose of them for Tobacco. If your Excellency and the Council think proper to pay Tobacco, an Order on the Sheriff of Calvert or Prince Georges to pay Tobacco on Patuxent will be agreeable. I have seen a Contract for Tobacco at the Upper Warehouses on Patuxent five Shillings for a Livre and Tobacco at Eight Shillings per Centum. This was done by Consent and the [owner] had part the bargain making I am no ways Interested in the goods, only as the Property of my Son, they were taken out of my Storehouse at Nottingham three days ago and I presume are at Annapolis before this time.

My son does not know that his goods are taken nor do I mean to hurry the payment, I believe he has Contracted for & must pay Tobacco for the goods and I wish to advise him what he is to expect for them.

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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M^r Muir Informs me you understood the order I sent him for Tobacco to be the same as that & M^r Buchanan your Excell^y will remember, that the order to M^r Muir was in Consequence of the Tents & Camp Kettles order'd & Not Estimated & that to M^r Buchanan in Consequence of the Impossibility of putting any reliance on M^r Hollingsworth furnishing any flour as your Excell^y saw by his Letter which I did myself the Honor to forward a few days ago, even 100 H^{hds} to be deliver'd M^r Muir will not put me in that Situation I was under the order on M^r Hollingsworth, as you will see at Bottom, add to this M^r Calhouns Deliverys are very slow & the price of flour falling, I shall want at least 200 H^{hd} more besides this to M^r Muir to Compleat my purchases already made. The Heavy Demands by M^r Keeports, the Lead & many other advances made Since I furnish'd my Estimate will amo^t to at least 200 H^{hds} Extraordinary. I