

December 9

[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Governor Lee]

Y^{rs} of the 1st of Nov^r I rec^d on the 3^d of this instant: and proceeded immediately to Salt fifty Beeves in bulk on Wye Island. I impressed a Vessel to send it to Annap: but the moment I left her, Hugh Reynolds manager for M^r Boardley loaded her with wheat and she went off to Baltimore. The Beef remains in Bulk at M^r Paca's 15543^{lbs} By Col^o Hollingsworth's order I have sent off most of the others to Elk, what remains fitt shall be Salted down directly. Y^r Ex: refers me to Col^o Blaines orders (they were to load the Vessels as fast as he sent them) none but Middletons Boat ever appear'd she was dispatched immediately the 24 of Oct^r and I have heard nothing from Col^o Blaine since: I have 300 bar: of flour ready to deliver at Emersons Warehouse Wye River, there is also a good deal of wheat on hand but cannot gett Vessels to transport it to the places order'd; Col^o Hollingsworth has promis'd Vessels but they have not yett come. The Vessel pressed as above mention'd belonged to one Davie of Baltimore the Shippers name Daniel Weatherby, Reynolds who loaded her was present when she was pressed. If y^r Ex: thinks proper to make an example of them it may deterr others if not, in the situation We now are without Money or even Credit, the publick Stores must lay and Spoil in the places collected, as no Vessels will remain when they know they can go off with impunity. Please (as promis'd in y^r last) to order a Vessel to Wye for the Beef which is ready and very good, and for the flour at Emersons. Some of the Cows obtained are now so forward with Calf as not to be fitt to slaughter, those I have return'd to the owners at the price rec^d Some Steers not fitt to Slaughter the owners have agreed to deliver next fall fitt for the knife without any expence to the State. Those I have left till I can hear from you.

December 10 [William Molohon, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esq^r]

Since my residence here I have at defirent times received from the State of Maryland 194 hheads Tobacco which I have sold from 17/6 to 20/ Per Cent—on the 9th of Octob^r I sold Mess^{rs} Ridley & Pringle of Baltimore 200 hheads to avarege nine hundred and fifty nett 140 of which was the property of the State, I had at that time about that quantity of State Tobacco by me—but on examining it, it had sustained such damage that from being much cut 27 hh'ds was too light to be included in the sale. I have since sold that parcell, which avareged a little upwards of seven hundred at 18/6 payable the last of Jan^y. I was Induced to sell on these terms, as the Tobacco from being much cut, was rendered unfit for shiping and it was not of quality to suit the Tobacconists. As there remained 40 hhds to compleat the quantity sold on Acc^t the State—I wrote M^r