

[Dana and others to Gov. Johnson.]

C. C.  
Original.

Camp at the Valley Forge 16<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

Sir

We have the Honor to compose a Committee of Congress appointed to confer with the General upon the Affairs of the Army & with him to concert measures for opening the Campaign with Vigor and Activity. During the Progress of this important Business the critical situation of the Army on the score of Provisions hath filled our minds with Apprehension and Alarm. fed by daily supplies and even those uncertain we have to fear a total Want. Some Brigades have not tasted Flesh in four Days and the Evil great as it is seems rather to increase than diminish. The Commissaries inform us that they have not only met with great Difficulties in purchasing Provisions in your State but that they cannot even transport what they have purchased for the want of Waggon & the like. Whether these apologies are justly founded we will not presume to say but this is certain that upon an early Transportation of large Quantities of Provisions to this Camp from the State you preside over the very Existence of our Army depends. Let us then intreat you Sir to exert the full Influence of your Abilities to forward such supplies as may have been already bought up and also to obtain by such measures as you may think most adequate to that Purpose as much as can be spared by the Inhabitants from their own particular Consumption

We have the Honor to be  
respectfully, Sir, your most obed<sup>t</sup> & humble Servants

Francis Dana      John Harvie  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Folsom      Gou<sup>r</sup> Morris

Tuesday 17. February 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esquire attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> seven hundred and seventy four Pounds, five Shillings and eight pence half penny to be delivered over to Buchanan & Cowan due on Account for building a Galley per Acc<sup>t</sup> pass<sup>d</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Three pounds and also the further Sum of two pounds seven Shillings and nine pence due per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Rignall Duckett twenty two pounds ten Shillings as Surgeon's Mate to the 11 Battalion of Militia prince Georges County whilst in actual Service per amount of Account passed by the Board of Acc<sup>ts</sup>