

[Rachel Gibson, wife of Woolman Gibson of Talbot County  
Petition to Governor and Congress] November  
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[Written by Rev. John Gordon, Rector of St. Michael's Parish and endorsed by him, Jonathan Gibson, Joseph Bruff, John Broome, Richard Parrott, and William Gibson, asking discharge of Jonathan Hopkins, her son by a former marriage who is "deficient in his intellect" and having "straggled away last winter was induced to enlist" on the *Chester* Galley. He is unfit for service and is exposed to the "Mockery & Insult of the Sailors and to the Hazard of being corrupted by their example and of learning the bad words."]

[Owen Biddle, Asst. C. G. of Forage, Philada. to Col Henry Hollingsworth, D. C. G. F. Head of Elk]

Sir I have receiv'd no Supply of forage from you, or thro' the communication of Elk for a considerable time past; it is the occasion of great distress with us, and makes me much alarm'd for the consequences; I was out of grain this morning at a Season when we ought to have 60,000 bushels in store at this place; What can be the reason, surely the credit of the department has not totally fail'd, nor the Stock of money sent you? if it has send a Messenger on for some we cannot obtain a Supply for you, unless we are fully acquainted with your necessities; I know you are embarrass'd about the extortionate price demanded, but our delay will not help the matter, I beg of you set every wheel to work, or we shall have a famine among our horses; If it is possible for you to send on 10,000 bushels weekly untill the navigation is Stopped, we shall have occasion for it; for the sake of the army & our cause which depends on it, I doubt not but you will exert yourself; November  
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[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore to His Excellency  
Thomas S. Lee Esqr.] November  
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As the Money sent up to me for Purchasing Linnen is all Exhausted and has been for some days. and I have made some Purchases which I am unable to Pay without a Further Supply. Your Excellency will Please to send my by Cap<sup>t</sup> Cromwell or Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelderdine Five or Six Thousand Pounds for which I shall Account as soon as Its Possable for to make out my Accounts, which will be by the First of Next Week

Shall be Glad to be Informed Wether I shall Continue the Purchase of Linnen and What shall do for Cloathing and Provision for the Soldiers at the Fort as they are Entirely Naked and the Provision and Whiskey is All out. I have been oblidged to purchase Fresh Beef for them this day