

Red Book No. 25 which were appointed last Spring & this Fall, to deliver over to my Assistants all Flour which remains in their Possession, who have directions to forward the same.

M^r Dallam has been lately delivering M^r Smith (Agent for the French Consul) a considerable quantity of Flour which I expected. it is very hard that his Magazines should be fill'd with Flour when I can assure your Excellency our Army has been seven Days without Bread, and preparing to go into Winter Quarters with empty Magazines, the Idea distresses me exceedingly.

Your Excellency & Council will please to take these matters into your most serious Consideration & adopt such measures as will enable my Assistants to obtain all the spare Flour in State else the Army will undoubtedly Suffer.

I was happy when at Annapolis in finding your Honourable Assembly disposed to render every Aid to procure the quota of Flour & to detect all kind of Monopoly of Provisions, which will be of infinite service to the public

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[Conrad T. Wederstrandt Kent Island to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

Sir Aquila Brown has my direction to purchase what good beef he can on this Island: He will in a day or two wait on your Excellency and inform you of what he can do therein or write you on the Subject. He thinks there is but little quantity to be had and I have desired him to buy what he can deliver at Broad creek ferry not exceeding a dollar p pound. M^r Rawlins says he will send it over & deliver it at M^r Crissoll's office for twenty dollar p beef or five dollars p quarter. I think his terms high, If you please to send a Vessel for it or accept his terms, please to inform M^r Brown who will not neglect to procure the beef on the best terms as soon as possible. I shall immediately on the main endeavour to execute as much of your order as will be in my power & on the best terms I can. Should the quantity M^r Brown procure here & that I buy on main exceed your order I shall take the overplus on the account of the United States, if you should not want it, and will if agreeable pay M^r Crissoll for securing it and furnish him Salt to do it. M^r Brown will want money to pay for the purchase he makes which I hope you'll have in your power to order to him

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No. 2

[Conrad T. Wederstrandt, Queen Ann's County to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

Sir John Beale Bordley Esquire being in Philadelphia and the Superintendent of his farm on a Journey that way I can't purchase his beeves 'till he returns and perhaps not at all, as I am told they are to be disposed otherwise, which I shall know as soon as I see