

January 8 your Officers than they can be otherways procured. It was at his request that I look'd into these Goods he having understood that your Council wou'd want, etc If this should be the case I shall readily do any thing that you may require here as the weather is such that I cannot be able to get from hence before Wednesday Morning, if so soon, I am uneasy for fear I may be wanted at Ann<sup>s</sup> Capt. Marbury by whom this goes can inform you the situation of our Troops, near 70 men has been discharged from my Reg<sup>t</sup> thro the course of last week & from the Present distresses of the Army I am fearfull few of them will reinlist & such as does will enter the Pennsylvania Line, as their soldiers who lays at one end of Ours has been sometime Passed regularly furnished with rum & other Necessaries. The officers who have come down informs me that the Line expected Stores there to be Issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> & that the Cont<sup>l</sup> Commissaries have no Spirit at all. Cap<sup>t</sup> Keepport will meet with difficulty in getting waggons he writes his Excellency by this opportunity I am with great respect Sir Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

January 8 [Sam Smith, Balt, to His Excellcy Thos Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I did myself the Honor of writing your Excell<sup>y</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Knox, since which M<sup>r</sup> W. Smith the French Agent has shew'd me a Letter from your Excell<sup>y</sup> from which I conclude the flour Bo<sup>t</sup> by me for the State of Virg<sup>a</sup> will also be seiz'd. M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan forwards a Letter from the Commissary General by which it appears that the immediate wants of the Camp are supplied & that the flour will most be wanted here; If your Excell<sup>y</sup> should draw the same Inference I flatter myself you will favor me with a general order to prevent the seizure of the flour Bo<sup>t</sup> by me for Virginia, now in the diff<sup>t</sup> parts of the State or at least for what I may have in this County. I Have not purchas'd more than 1600 Bb<sup>les</sup>, my Permit is for 2000 This I will make Appear if you think Necessary

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Geo. P. Keepports Baltimore to Gov Lee]

May It Please Your Excellency I am Sorry its not in my Power to Give a more Satisfactory Acc<sup>t</sup> of my Success Getting Waggon I Try'd all About Town but Cannot get one Waggon by Perswasion only the Commissioners have Press'd all the Waggon in Town and in the Neighbourhood for Conveying Flour to Susquehannah So that I am at a Loss what too do to Procure Waggon Without having Authority for Pressing. I am Just going out in the County to Try Again but have Little Hope of Success I Apply'd to the comissioners for Authority for Pressing Waggon for this Purpose but they say they have no such Authority and have Refused me Any Assistance