

relieve their wants :—Since which, I have been visited by five or six of them; Some of them questioning by what Authority I chastised the Man; and. on being answered for clandestinely despoiling me of my Property; one of them, in particular told me, that it had not been uncommon with them to take Fencing for Firewood, wherever they cou'd find it and in what Quantities they pleased; That they had practised it before in other States, and shou'd not scruple to do it in this State, (where they were worse provided, than in any they had been) and were left by their Superiors, to shift for themselves (or words to such Effect)

Your Excellency, on a little Consideration, will I flatter myself, be induced to grant me, your favourable Excuse (which I entreat) for the seeming Unimportance of these hasty Lines addressed to you. They are, communicated Sir, for the sake of these Sufferers—if their Complaints be true, as they aver them to be. That a proper Channel for Enquiry into them, be opened; and their Distresses relieved, if real; (and unto which I am ready to contribute my Mite, if required) That the Inhabitants of this Community over which Sir, you have the Honour to preside and who are paying very heavy Taxes, and are likely to pay more, for the due Support of the Army, & of Civil Government, may in Consideration of these Payments enjoy the Remainder of their Property, continually decreasing by encreasing Burthens in Peace and Safety, and under the Sanction of the Laws of this State, which I trust it is no less, your Excellency's Department, than it is your Inclination, to preserve, and maintain inviolate among us.

[Wm Jacob to Council]

January 14

[Asks to be appointed Sheriff of Baltimore.]

[Robert Buchanan to Gov Lee.]

January 15

[He cannot take oath of commissary and quartermaster, and will not serve after February 1.]

[William Clark, "Backweek," to the Council]

January 15  
Red Book  
No. 23  
Letter  
No. 81

Gentlemen I have Loded your Brigead of Wagons, and sent them with 88 Barrels of Super fine flower and since I have Been offered Seventy five Pounds By Cornet Isack Cartey Comishener ounder Cornel Epheram Blean and his Exceleant governer Seazer Radney offered mee the same Gentelmen I hope you will not meake mee worse then I have Been offered as It will Bee Empoverishing your own Steat But Bee It as It will I will Bee Contented. There Is more Redey you may send for It when you Please from gentelmen your H<sup>ble</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen From the above you will discover the prices offered in the delaware State and close on our line. People with us are