

and am Now offered more then I have Need for at Present. I have been oblidge^d to Engage them at £35 p^r day and Two at £40 p^r Day and find them the Men and Horses the Continental Allowance. I Imagine it will Take Nine or Ten Waggon^s but Cannot be Certain to a Waggon There is Three Spare Waggon^s to Attend Ready to start with me if I have Loads for them and if not they Take Flour to Susquehannah; I have ordered all the Waggon^s to be in on Thursday morning Next at which Time Expect to start from Here. There is several of the Waggon^{ers} to whom I must advance Money before they Start Which Oblidge^s me to Request the Favour of Your Excell^y to send me besides the Ballance of my Account Four or Five Thousand pounds by the Barer of this Letter (Jeremiah Swain) whom I have Hired on Purpose to go to Annapolis. Your Excell^y will Please to Dispatch him as Quick as Possable so that he may be Here by 2 o'clock Thursday. If there is any Further Buissness for me to Transact Either at Camp or on the Road you will Please to Inform me. The Care of the Cloth Bo^t of Col^o Dorsey & Hammond and the other Stores I leave to a M^r William Banks who is a Young Gentleman Very Attentive and Careful and will Act for me in my Absence. Shou^d be Glad to know if the Soldiers at the Fort are to be Discharged or what is to be done Concerning them as they are Inlisted to Serve in that Place only and the Provision is Just out If they are not Discharged shall be oblidge^d to Purchase more Provision for them. My Time is too Short to send an Invoice of the Cloathing I take out with me by this oppertunity as I am Just Receiving the Cloth from M^r Dorsey & Hammond, but shall Leave it to be sent by the First Oppertunity

NB There is About 40 Dozen of Excellent Stockings to be had here if Wanting @ £185 p^r Doz

[Ezek Forman, Chestertown, to Exy Governor Lee]

Sir From your Excellency's well known character, I esteem it quite unnecessary to spend time, and take up your attention with apologies for the liberty I take of presenting to you the within Letter. As the pleasure of doing good has always been grateful to your feelings in private life, those feelings must, and will I am sure, be more indulged in your Public character, it may increase the opportunities.

I would Just remark to your Excellency that I have had an intimate acquaintance with M^r Voorhees for twenty years past. he has done business as a Merchant in this County for near fifteen years with intire reputation, and had acquired a very pretty fortune, which lay out in Bonds and Book Debts. At the commencement of the Present War this Gentleman declined business, he could not reconcile the manner of doing it, with his Whig Principals, however,

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