

I shall conclude by observing that should your Excellency & Council think proper to retain the flour seized it will be proper that minute & Speedy returns be transmitted me of the exact quantities, so as I may obtain from Congress the immediate reimbursement of all advances & expences made thereon, as also of all those Expenses which the Seizure & redelivery of the flour and wheat have occasioned if it should be returned by the State commissioners, to my agents in Maryland.

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[William Banks Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] January 29

May It Please Your Excellency Agreeable to the Desire of Capt. George Keeports I take the Liberty of Acquainting you he went Off for Camp Friday 28th Ins^t with 9 Waggon. That he had discharg'd 3 Soldiers from the Fort and retained 2 as they would be Sufficient. Time Will not Admit Sending Invoices of the Cloathing taken with him but shall have them ready for your Inspection as soon as possible

Should I be favour'd with Letters from Your Excellency Please to have them Directed to the Care of M^r Keeports where I shall be found.

[H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. Gl., Head of Elk, to Gov Lee in Council] January 31

Gentlemen In the Postscript of my last Informed your Excellency and Honours that I was in want of some Certificates for Money Receiv'd sometime since have this day had an Application for more would be glad therefore that few blank Certificates be sent me with those wrote for by M^r Elijah Cole, the bearer the money I have been obliged to lay out for Forage and Waggonage for the supplying the Army, if it must be paid into the Treasury it must be when I am better supply'd with Cash, as at present and for sometime past, have been much Distress'd the pressing demands of the Army, with the great Difficultys of procuring Forage at the same time an Absolute necessity for calling in more Teams, will, I flatter myself, account for the measure, and the early supply sent, attone for it. I have now One Hundred and twenty teams Employd at this post, the usual Number is from Seventy to Eighty your Knowledge of the wants of the Army, will suggest how long it will be necessary to Continue this Extra Expence. I have wrote to some of the Commissioners on the Eastern shore, who have applied to me for Teams to have their flour &c Halled down to Convenient Granaries for navigation, that when the Frost breaks it may be Transported by Water to this place, where I have Public Stores & Granaries Sufficient to hold large Quantities. Measurers measures Baggs &c^a and one half the Teams will hall the Flour to Christeen, the Wheat to the Mills, and the Forage to where it is wanted. I am Inform'd that