

January 31 by the late act, Each public Officer in the staff is obliged to take Certain Oaths, on or before the first of February, or be liable to a fine. I have this day applied to a Magistrate to see the Oath, who informs me, it is not come into the County, therefore cant be Comply'd with. I am very loth to Violate the law, when I know it, or Run the hazard of Paying Penaltys but at the same time cant think of letting the whole Business Stop, as in that Case the most fatal Consequences would, befall the Army, if any Advantage should be taken of my Acting, untill I have an Opportunity of Complying with the Law, I Flatter myself of your Indulgence.

P. S. inclosed is a bill of the money Rec^d on Loan for which Certifcates are wanting

January [C. Theo Wederstrand D. A. C. P., Church Hill, Queen Ann's County to Gov. Lee]

Sir Colonel Blaine by his letter of the 12th instant informes me Thomas Harwood Esquire has one hundred and fifty thousand Dollars to pay me on account of Public purchases; not knowing when I may have in my power to be in Annapolis and being in great want of money, I must desire your Excellency to send me an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern shore for that sum if practicable to be done, which I suppose may, by inclosing it in a letter forwarded by the post to Wilmington or Philadelphia from whence the Eastern post could bring it down to Queen's Town Inclosed in my letter of the 22^d Ult^o you have an account of Your Ten barrels of flour amounting to £1212..5..2 now laying in a Store at Emerson's landing on Wye river, which could not be ready to send by the Plater, but has been there since the 20th and the hard weather setting prevented it to be forwarded to Annapolis. The 2^d Instant I inclosed in an other letter to your Excellency an account of 5233th of beef purchased for this State, sent to Annapolis by the Plater amounting to £2123..9..10½ and Informed that no more could be purchased at that rate John Beale Bordley Esquire having disposed of his Cattle. however I suppose you have not received either of those letters as I am informed the boat who was to take them over the bay is fast in the Ice.

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No. 5

[P Adams, Philad, to Gov Lee]

Sir This day the arrangement made Out by the Baron De Kalb, and handed you, for the promotion of Officers in the Maryland Line, was delivered to me by the Board of War

I observe the Baron has comited making out an accurate return of such Officers as were intitled to promotion at that time, you'll find that the first and fifth Regiments were vacant, the first from the 1st Aug^t and the latter the 23rd Oct^r Col^o Woolford, and myself are to succeed to the com^d as being next in succession, should you think