

Red Book
No. 32 To lessen the great Expencc of sending the Provisions the whole way by Waggons, we have determined to send them by Land to Annapolis to be lodged there untill the breaking up of the Ice, which will enable us to forward them from thence by water much earlier than we can expect to do from hence. Apprehending we should run a considerable Risque of having such Provisions seized by the Commissioners appointed by the late Law, We request Your Excellency will be so obliging as to grant us a Permission for sending said Provisions to Annapolis & from thence by Water to Patuxent agreeable to the List hereunto annexed. If there is a necessity for making oath of the uses for which they are intended, we shall do so before a Magistrate or the Naval Officer as you please to direct.

If you can conveniently oblige us with the Quantity of Salt Provisions, Viz. 25 Barrels of Beef & 25 Barrels Pork untill our River is open, that we cou'd send down by Craft, it will save us the heavy Expencc of Waggoning to Annapolis, And you may rely on our replacing them as soon as the Navigation will permit, with those of the best Quality, which we have cured for our own Vessels.

List of Provisions intended to be sent to Patuxent For the Use of The Ship Buckskin, Ship Fanny Brigg Revenge, Brigg Hercules & Brigg King Tammany Viz

10000th of Ship Bread 10 Barrels Flour 50 Barrels Beef & Pork
5 Casks of Butter 7 Boxes of Candles

February 4 [Sam Smith Balt Town to His Excell'y Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir I am inform'd that a Suit is order'd against M^r Allen Thomas or Thomas & Craycroft for purchasing Wheat, Your Excell'y will remember that I had the Permission of Gov. Johnson & the Council to purchase Two thousand Bb^{ls} in Consequence of which permit I order'd Mess^{rs} Thomas & Craycroft to purchase Wheat for accot of the Board of War Virginia, & under this order they have purchas'd 650 Bushells. I flatter myself your Excell'y will do me the favor to stop the suit.

February 5 [Solomon Stympson Mountgomery County to Gov Lee]

May it [please] your Excellency Sir On the 22^d day of Last month I wrote you Fully concerning what progress I had made in purchasing Grain which I delivered to the Sherif on the 23^d Imagioning that by the Law he was Obliged to forward as it was a matter concerned the publick. if I was mistaken I am Sorry for it I then particularly wrote the circumstance of the People and all the Difficultys attending the matter I Expected your further Instructions before now to which Letter I Referr your Excellency.

I have still Continued purchasing tho' I am doubtfull of the Delivery of some Little part of what I have purchased, since my