

the State of Maryland, either by themselves or by their intercession with the Congress will be pleased to effect it. Brown
Book No. 7

The other officer for whom I am to intreat your favours is Lieutenant Colonel Forrest: This Gentleman is no more able to continue his Services in his regiment, and his holding a Commission in it precludes the appointment of another field officer, and throws all the hardships of the duty upon the Major. I need not urge, Gentlemen, how far the holding of Commissions by persons unable to discharge the functions annexed to them, is prejudicial to the service; that consideration, alone would be a sufficient inducement to any measures tending to remove such an inconvenience, were not the circumstances of those officers such as Strongly claim for the provisions which I make bold to request to be made for them.

With the highest respect I am Honourable Gentlemen Your most obedient and most humble Servant The Baron de Kalb, M. G: Command^g Maryland Division.

[Jonas Hudson, Balto to Gov. Lee]

February 14

Dear Sir I have Rec^d your favour of the 12th & duly Note its Contents, Inclosed you have acc^t of three Hundred pieces Brittainas am^{ts} to £30165 Curr^y w^{ch} are all ready for your Orders. a Capt. Beall call'd on me for Two pieces w^{ch} he said you ordered him to get & hope will prove right. Inclosed you have his Rec^t I shall give M^r Frank Luke an order on you for the am^t of this Acc^t w^{ch} you will please honour & Supply him with Money as he may want it, being what Occurs.

[John Strawbridge Collector of the Tax in Cecil County to
Gov. Lee]

February 14

May it please your Excellency Sir early in December I furnished M^r Patrick Ewing purchasing Commissary in this County with 50,000 Dollars for which he has lately produced your Order. I have likewise paid part of your order in fav^r of Col^o Henry Hollingsworth the reason why I have not paid the exact Balance due from this County arises altogether from the Commissioners being backward in Settlement of the Publick Accounts. I have paid Col^o Hollingsworth Eighty four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds which is as near the Amount as I would chuse to goe untill my accounts are Settled by the Commissioners which I expect will be in the Ensuing week, the Balance remains in my hands shall be immediatly Paid to the Treasurer for the Eastern Shore, wou'd intreat your Excellency to Transmit to the Treasurer of the Eastern shore and account how the publick Money has been disposed of in this County that my settlement with him may not be delay'd which will conclude me Your Excellencys Obedient Humble Serv^t