

Red Book
No. 5 Sometime after M^r Randall had received the Cloth brought up by M^r Keepert, he took upon himself to deliver it Individually, no day or time was appointed for a delivery, no method taken to proportion the Cloth to the different Regim^{ts} agreeable to its Quality, or quantity, & altho I demanded of M^r Randall the time he meant to deliver the Cloth to the Officers, it was kept from me while the prime & greatest part was delivered & this delivery was made on the very day, that I requested of M^r Randall to know when we might attend for our proportions of the Cloth, finding this to be the case I applied to Gen^l Gist, who Commanded the Maryland Division, to give some order respecting the matter, that Iustice might be done to the Officers; that Conceived themselves injured, his reply was, that he did not think the distribution a proper one, but that he had not Authority to give order respecting the matter I inform'd him that all distributions of State stores in our Line, had been made by order of Gen^l Smallwood, & never heard the authority doubted by any in the Line, except by M^r Randall & that very lately, but these Arguments proved to have no effect. A material difference there was in the Quality of the Cloth, & leave you to Iudge, from the nature of the distribution, whether those that were not among the foremost is not Injured, they are of your Brigade and did not expect an unjust distribution would have taken place. I am so unfortunate as to have none of the Cloth, & cannot conceive that the Assembly of Maryland, ever intended that M^r Randall should have had the entire order of the clothing furnished for the use of her Officers, or from the Letter of her Act, that an Ensign should have preference to a Field Officer in distribution; I wrote to M^r Randall some short time after he had made delivery, requesting he owuld inform me the quality of the Cloth he had on hand, also what he had delivered, he inclosed me in his answer five or Six Samples of the cloth he had received; in them were papers pinn'd to the different Samples and on them were wrote Gen^l Gist choice, Col^o Williams choice, Major Andersons choice, &c. &c. this is the true State of the treatment we have received, if any thing is necessary to be done to prevent, an injury of this kind's taking place again in your absence, I make no doubt but you will attend to it, I have nothing new, your Officers and Soldiers are in Gen^l very healthy, the Officers present their Compliments to you, & by accepting mine you'll very much Oblige dear Gen^l

March 25

[Ezek Forman, Clk, to Gov. Lee.]

[On behalf of Justices of Kent County reports death of Mr. Hall, the Sheriff.]

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[Joseph Ford Saint Marys Co'ty to Gov Lee]

Sir I Purchased of M^r Charles Hayden Forty Barrels Corn and paid him for it at the rate of Twenty Seven Pounds p^r Barrel Eigh-