

Brown Book No. 1 As to the beef, the time & place of delivery & the proportion from time to time, must of necessity, be governed by the occasional requisitions of the Commissary General.

I have the Honor to be with the highest respect & esteem Y^r Excellency's Most Obed^t Serv^t G^o Washington

Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 41 March 26 Sunday morning [Henry Dickinson, Kent Island, to Gov. Lee]
Honourable Sir In consequence of your Letter by M^r Wilmot, I got down hear yesterday morning with all the Cash in my hands as Treasurer, but have been Prevented from Crossing the Bay by the hardness of the winds yesterday, which still continues, and as there is Horses to Cross, I did not Chuse to run any risque, and therefore shall waite hear for a more favourable Prospect, which I suppose I shall have this evening or to morrow morning early.

NB. M^r Jⁿo Wilmot your Express is also hear with me

March 27 [Abraham Faw Frederick Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir It has been some Time Since I Receiv'd Any Instructions from your Excellency as to Purchasing of Cloathing in this County the Cloath you mentioned in Your Last Letter to have been sent from Baltimore and Issued to Recruits here, has not Come to Hand tho' often applied for by the officers, I have now Purchased to the Amount of About £59000, they Consist in About 1600 Shirts 836 p^r Stockings 1216 Hatts 37 Blankets and 63 p^r Shoes for which I am Something above £3000 in Advance. I have had an Offer of 200 Hatts @ 30 Dollars which is the Highest Price I have yet Given, and as Every Article now seems to Rate with us, are Cheap if they are wanting. You will Please Sir Advise me about it, and if you think it proper to send me an Order on M^r Edelen (our Present Collector) for money to Purchase them, or at Least to pay what I am in Advance if you think Proper to Discontinue the Purchases, I shall be down in May at the Provincial Court in Order to Render and Settle the Accounts.

March 29 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 22 [Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]
May It Please Your Excell^y I have Search'd the Town Over Cannot Find Any Trimmings, There may be had about Two pounds of Scarlet Buff & blue Colour'd sewing Silk at £220 p^r lb. which is all I Can find the Buttons for Officers Cloathing are Making about Ten Gross will be Done this Week.

[This use of the word Imperial is not in the Oxford Dictionary] I Received a Letter from M^r Randall who Informs me the Shalloons and Imperials I Took to Camp are Useless as they are Mostly blue and Brown which were the Colours I thought Most suitable for the Cloth Taken out, He Requests me to Solicit your Excellency for Permission to send out with the Next Supplies some White Shalloon