

Brown night for lodging for each oftentimes for want of Blankets, you will
Book No. 2 therefore be so obliging to order their Cloathing and by all means Blankets if to be had, as they will be very essential for the Recruits. You will also please order the Serjeant to be dispatched as soon as possible, as there is a prospect of his enlisting more men, for which purpose it wou'd be necessary to order him a further supply of Money, with which he may be trusted.

The inclosed Letter from Col^o Gunby sets forth Facts which if just calls for Redress, or at least such Attention and Orders as may correct similar Abuses in future or anticipate like complaints of Partiality if found to be unjust, indeed if your Cloathing Act does not limit the Cloathier or place a correcting Power in the commanding Officer the distributions will frequently be complained of.

I had some thoughts of waiting on you and the General Assembly but it being slack in convening & my stay here being limited deprives me of the Pleasure

I am with great Regard & Esteem Your Most obed^t & very H^{ble} Serv^t

April 15

[Eph Blaine C. G. P. Philada to His Excellency
 Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir There is a Quantity of Rum belonging to the Public (& which is much wanting) in your City, it has been represented to the Commercial Committee that the person with whom it is in charge makes a very unreasonable demand for Storeage, & therefore beg your Excellency & Council, to order the Rum on board one of your State Vessells or any other that will deliver it to the Commissary at the Head of Elk, as I intend for Annapolis in a few weeks, will settle the Freight & pay the Gentlemⁿ who has the Demand for Storage the valuation of any two Gentlemen.

April 15

[I. Taylor, Saint Marys to Gov Lee]

Gentlemen Under noted you have an Acc^t of the Indian Corn (have no other kind of Provisions) by me taken as a Commissioner under the Act of the General Assembly for the immediate Supply of Flour &c. Six hundred bushells I seized as engrossed corn, in January last, It lay along time on board the Vessell in the Ice, that when it was taken out thirty four bushells proved rotten and of no Value, this being the case, I insisted on the Person from whom I had taken it to pay a moiety of the damage, which he agreed to, the money for that part shall give the State Credit for in account for my Commission.

The remaining part of the Six hundred bushells, I stored with Col^o Vernon Hebb No particular agreement being made relative to the Price. I told him he should receive what was Customary for storing. When I sent a Craft for the Corn she got only five hundred