

as may be necessary for their immediate use they have no objection to, but they cannot think of admitting any kind of Traffick whatever. It is with concern they hear of the sufferings of your officers, but at the same time they have the Satisfaction to think it has not arose from any Inattention or neglect on their part. as you may have occasion to write to Maryland on this Subject, it may not be amiss to Observe to you the heavy sum which has been a long time due to the Inhabitants on Long Island for your officers Board & that unless some Speedy & Effectual means are taken to discharge it, we cannot think of imposing such a Burthen upon these people any longer or of their being restricted to two dollars a week for your Board when our officers Prisoners of war with you are left to seek their own Quarters at an unlimited price.

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[Allen McLane, Capt. Commandant to His Excellency
Governor Lee]

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Sir Captain Archer of the Partisan Rangers waits on your Excellency to represent to your Honorable Council the disadvantage attending the Corps from the want of the necessary articles of Soap & Candles. Every means has been tried to procure them at the Posts we past through, but they were unable to Supply us. If your Excellency will give directions for a supply of these articles, it will have the most Salutary effect, & be considered as a mark of attention deserving the gratitude of the Corps

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

May 27

Sir I am this moment favor'd with yours of the 24th You should have been furnished with the information wanted respecting my purchase for the Marine of france Long ere this, had it been in my power, but my agents for Kent County (where the principal part of that purchase was effected) advise me that as late as last week, the com^{rs} for seizing flour in that county alledged they had not rec^d any instructions for the delivery of the French wheat & flour seized by them, this circumstance has prevented me getting returns, as their purchases could not be ascertained with any degree of certainty before the delivery. From the best information I have hitherto obtained, I expect the whole of my purchase will amount to nearly 30000 Bushells of wheat, this I suppose will make 5000 barrells of flour. add to this about 2500 bb^{ls} of flour, or perhaps something upwards, say in the whole 7500 to 8000 barrells, some part of which is in the hands of the Commrs. or perhaps sent forward to the army. For a week or 10 days past considerable quantitys of flour has offered at this market, should it continue to come in, I will engage as much as I possibly can, but at present I am not in cash for that purpose not