

September [Sam Huntington, Philadelphia, to His Excellency  
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 Red Book the Governor Lee]

No. 7 Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed two Acts  
 Letter of Congress of the 8 & 11 Instant, by which you will be informed  
 No. 73 of their Intentions to provide & lay up Magazines of Provisions &  
 Forage for an Army of fifteen thousand Men for six months to the  
 Southward; and that two thirds of the Flour and Beef required  
 from the State of Maryland by the Resolution of the 25 of February  
 last, are to be retained in that State for the above Purpose, and  
 stored at some safe & convenient Places on or near navigable Water.

You will also observe the Measures Congress have adopted &  
 recommended by the Acts enclosed for reinforcing the Southern  
 Army; and that the State of Maryland are earnestly requested to  
 complete & forward to the Southern Army her Quota of regular  
 Troops as formerly ascertained

It is presumed your Excellency must have received a return of  
 the Number lost in the Maryland Line, in the Action near Cambden  
 on the 16. Ulto. I am happy to find from late Accounts, the Loss  
 is not so great as we had reason to fear.

September [Edward Giles, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Governor Lee]  
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 Brown Book Sir Your Excellency will doubtless ere this have received a  
 No. 5 Letter from Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington, directing our Regiment to march  
 Letter to the Southward. In consequence of this order, I shall set out the  
 No. 21 men tomorrow M<sup>s</sup> under Cap<sup>t</sup> Murdoch, & proceed myself im-

mediately to Morris Town to secure & forward on the Cloathing  
 there. This Business appears to me to be of such Importance, that  
 a failure would involve the total Ruin of the Regiment, have there-  
 fore been induced rather to attend to it myself, than to depend upon  
 others. The Board of War have advised me to march the men to  
 the Head of Elk, & there retain them, until I can get them cloathed.  
 In this Step I flatter myself I shall have your Excellency's Concur-  
 rence. I have an absolute Order for 450 Coats, Jackets & wollen  
 overalls, Shoes, Shirts & Hats, shall obtain Tents in a few Days  
 with every necessary Camp Equipage

Since my Arrival at this City I have lost upwards of fourteen  
 men by Desertion, I shall be obliged to leave upwards of 20 in the  
 Hospitals, with these I shall also leave an Officer. The Desertions  
 were unavoidable Privater's men, paint such golden Prospects, that  
 is not to be wondered that the men have been seduced from their  
 Duty. Whilst I lament the Loss, I have the pleasing Reflection, that  
 the Landing the men was in consequence of an absolute Order from  
 the War Office, & that every precaution in my Power has been used  
 to prevent the Consequences that have flowed from that Order.  
 I hope I shall at least Stear clear of Censure. I have obtained an  
 Proclamation from Governor Reed. I have searched every Vessel