

answer the purpose of an immediate supply this is my own opinion which I take the liberty of giving freely but at the same time will cheerfully obey your directions on this head, I doubt there will be but little provision paid on the Tobacco Tax in this county

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I cannot yet say how the new Money will go down with the people but have my doubts especially on its first tryal the Collectors in this County have not yet done any thing except in Town which may be one reason why no wheat is now coming to Market

P. S. M^r Donnellan is intirely out of Meat to Issue at this Port & has called on me for a supply which suppose I must provide for him He has an acco^t paid for coopering & labour & a rising on flour he rec^d & shipp'd away lately which he is desirous I should pay & believe he cannot well afford to lay out of the money please give me direction concerning both these matters.

[Fran's Marrion Whitemarsh Bladen County to Gov. Lee]

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Sir On the 3^d Ins^t I had Advice that upwards of two hundred Torys Intended to Attack me the next day, I immediately marched with 53 Men, which is all I cou'd get, on the 4th in the morning I surprised A party of 45 men, which I mistook for the main body; I killed and wounded all but 15, which Escaped, I then marched immediately to Attack the main body, which I met about 3 miles in full march towards me, I Directly attack'd them, And put them to flight (though they had 200 men) And got into an Impassible Swamp to all but Torys, I had one man wounded in the first action And then in the second, and two Horses killed; finding it impossible to come at them, I returned to Camp. the next day I was informed they all Disperst. on the fifth I was Joined by about 60 men; I then throughed up a small redoubt, to secure my camp from being surprised by the Torys, should they again collect.

On the 7th I crossed P. D. and Lynches Creek with one hundred men 50 to secure my Camp and the river; to attack a party of regulars And militia, said to be 150, which was in Williamsbourg township, a Burning all the Houses of their men who had Joined me; when I had got to indian Town, Capt James who I had sent to reconiter the Enemy, meet me; he had taken a Prisoner belonging to Col^o Ferguson raffle reg^t by whom, I learnt that they was 200 British, and a number of Torys, & that Major Whims with 200 men, was to Join them that night, they was seen after dark on their march, and by an Orderly book taken with an officers baggage, with the Above Prisoner, I found their Intention was to remove me, and to proceed to the Chasases; I also had Intelligence that 200 men, part regulars, had arrived in George Town from Lanter; which, Obliged me to return to my camp, which I did that day, the 8th I had Intelligence, that they Major Whimes had crossed Linches