

September 20 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excellency  
Red Book the Governor Lee]

No. 7 Letter Sir By the Act of Congress of this Day herewith enclosed you  
No. 75 will be informed of the Measures they have adopted for the  
removing of the Convention Troops to Fort Frederick in Maryland,  
in Case it shall be found necessary, and providing Magazines to  
supply them if removed.

Congress have thought proper to take this Precaution to prevent  
any Embarrassment or Surprize, though it is to be hoped there may  
be no Occasion to remove them; but should Circumstances render  
their Removal necessary, the Governor of Virginia to whom I have  
transmitted a Duplicate of this Act will give your Excellency sea-  
sonable Information thereof.

You will also be informed by the Act enclosed that Congress will  
use every Exertion to supply Tents & Arms for the use of the  
Militia of Maryland & Virginia, at the same Time recommending  
to those States in the strongest Manner to leave no Steps untried  
which may have a Tendency to furnish those necessary Articles.

September 20 [Richd Dallam, Harford County, to His Excellency  
Red Book Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

No. 26 Letter Sir I expected the People w<sup>ld</sup> generally pay the Tobacco Tax in  
No. 94 wheat if made acquainted with the wants of the Army & especially  
as the Law obliged them to pay Cash after the first Oct<sup>r</sup> which they  
complain is very scarce. I have taken some trouble to Prevail on  
the People to deliver me the wheat but find the Sheriff has given  
out that he will pay the Tax in Tobacco and receive wheat some  
time hence this being a Busy season with the farmers they readily  
except the indulgence by which means I shall get little wheat, The  
Sherif I understand has bought a considerable Quantity of Tobacco  
& boast that he shall make 30000£ As I looke on his scheem as a  
prejudice to the public by which they will loose one half the Tax  
& preventd from geting the supply of Provisions wanting in Time  
I have thought it my duty to give your Excellency the information.  
I have mentiond it to the Commissioners they know not how to  
prevent it.

Our Clark refuses taking the new money for Ordinary Licences  
therefore I have no hope of passing one Shilling. The Taxes &  
duties I expected w<sup>ld</sup> give the money some Credit.

I am exceedingly concerned for the frequent Trouble I am  
obliged to give your Excellency but as it proceeds from an Opinion  
of its being my duty I hope to be excused. Situated as I am Its out  
of my Power to give reason to expect such a supply as I wish ot  
Provisions from this County.