

September 21 a half dol: you may rest assur'd that I shall procure it on the best terms, and hope I shall be able to gett it at that price, which is as much as has been offer'd here yett by any one. you also mention the propriety of keeping those directions secret, I will know that if they were known, I should gett no more at that price I hope you will now put it in my Power to give a Satisfactory answer to the question daily asked me, are you yett in Cash? and I hope I shall be able to make a very Satisfactory return. a great deal of wheat has been offer'd which still remains on hand for want of Cash

September 22 [Daniel of St. Thos Jenifer, John Hanson, John Henry Philadelphia to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

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Gent. This will be handed to you by Col^o Blane who will lay before your Excellency and Honors, A Resolve of Congress, recommending to the State of Maryland to furnish five hundred head of Cattle, for the immediate use of the Army. The great distress the Army have for sometime past been under, and which still Continues for want of meat, have induced us to approve of that resolution, and beg leave to recommend it to your Excell^{cy} and Honors, as a measure absolutely necessary to be Complied with; and hope you will give Col. Blane every Assistance in your power in procuring them if by Complying with the above resolution a Deficiency in the Quota of Meat heretofore required by Congress of the State of Maryland, should be Occasioned, we think the State will stand Justly excused.

September 22 [Jas Calhoun Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr.]

Gentlemen I was favoured with yours of the 16th & have agreed with a Butcher to supply what Meat M^r Donnellan will have occasion for at this Post for the present, at 4 Dollars p^r th which is less than Salt meat would cost, several persons have offered to contract with me for a quantity of Beef but none will agree to take less than four Dollars p^r th.

There has very little flour come to Market since I wrote you last except what was previously engaged by M^r Mathews & M^r Will^m Smith from the neighbouring Millers. M^r Mathews tells me you have permitted him to purchase any quantity the Bank at Philadelphia may want & he has given as high as £ 70 p^r C^t for some I must give as much or cannot expect to purchase any, a good deal has been promised me as soon as the Farmers have done seeding but almost every one that has anything to sell object to being paid in the new money. Many of the Merch^{ts} agree that it ought to pass and seem willing to take it others declare they will not. I could wish to have the opinion of the Town in general concerning it but am afraid to risque a meeting on the Subject M^r Poe has pass'd some