

in payment of debts he had contracted but I have not yet been able to pass any. September  
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I have sold all the Tobacco Notes @ £50 p C<sup>t</sup> & could dispose of any quantity you could send me before the Month expires to pay the assessm<sup>t</sup>, after which time I am afraid they will not sell so well as most people think (& believe justly) that the Tobacco that will be paid into the Treasury will be the very worst in the State

P. S. I can get a very considerable quantity of Ship Bread to purchase if wanted.

[Henry Jackson, Somerset Co<sup>ty</sup> to Gov. Lee]

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Sir I send this to Talbot Court House where I expect it will meet with a ready conveyance to Annapolis to acknowledge the Rec<sup>t</sup> of your Excellency's sundry Letters of the 21, 22 & 28 of Aug. since w<sup>ch</sup> I expected by some opp<sup>ty</sup> to receive a supply of the new money, in my opinion it will always greatly aid the Purchase to have some Cash in hand to distribute among those whose wants are most pressing & as I am apprehensive the Holders of the articles I am authorized to Purchase Particularly Cattle will not for the new money Part with more than will discharge the Public Demand on them at Present, it wou<sup>d</sup> tend to the Public advantage for me to have a Sum of the Present Circulating money to give to such as made it a matter of choice, as well as to such whose necessitys require it. I cant with Precision say what quantity of cattle I shall be able to Procure but expect from 50 to 100 Head, I cou<sup>d</sup> wish if it is approved of to have Cash in the Present circulating money for half the Value by orders on the Lieutenant or Collectors of the Tax in the County & to be supplied with some of the new money as soon as Possible.

I have now 2744<sup>h</sup> Bacon & 19 Barr<sup>s</sup> Pork w<sup>ch</sup> I expect to forward this week to Annapolis, if our Streights are clear of the Enemy, but that has not been the case lately. it wou<sup>d</sup> be attended with a very heavy expence to Transport it to Cambridge by Land Carriage, but that must be Submitted to if it cant be sent from hence by water with Safety.

I have not received a Single Shilling of Money nor a Pound of Tobacco on Loan to the State & I believe all the other Gentlemen appointed are in the same Predicament

The people of this County will derive no advantage from the payment of wheat to the Lieutenants for the 15 p C<sup>t</sup> in General very little wheat is made in this county, this year less than ever & little or none for Sale

The Commissioners of the Tax proceeded to the Appointment of Inspectors on the 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> was delivered to the Sheriff a few days after to forward to your Excellency the Inspectors warrants are not yet come down, I am afraid we shall not have an opp<sup>ty</sup> af-