

October 16 very little provisions can be procured with it. I am not able to foot the amount of my return as I have not settled the price of the Beef from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murdock & Baley,

October 16 [Joseph Ford, Leon'd Town, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have sent Under care of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Greenwell Fourty Four Steers Agreeable to the Return Coll. Barnes will Deliver your Excellency.

I have not money sufficient to carry them to the Head of Elk have therefore directed M<sup>r</sup> Greenwell to call on your Excellency for a Supply, I've furnished him with seven Hundred Dollars which was all the Continental currency I had. I have not Received the money for the Orders I had on the Collectors, by Three Thousand Pounds or I could have forwarded them without Troubling your Excellency. I have given an order on the commissaries Between this and the Head of Elk to furnish them with Provisions and forage but as your Excellencies would be much better I should be Glad of it.

October 16 [Baruch Williams, Cecil Coty, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir At the request of Col<sup>o</sup> Thompson I have to inform you that William Mahoney & Charles Shirkey two of the Recruits for this County are now in Carlile Goal in Cumberland County, this information comes by a man who took them up & delivered them to the Goaler in their rout to the back woods. It is probable that they will be discharged unless sent after soon. By this Conveyance the Governor receives a return of recruits in this County

Note You have here inclosed the Enlistm<sup>ts</sup> of Sundry recruits sent to Chester which perhaps may be wanting also two Certificates from Col<sup>o</sup> Dallam the Enlistm<sup>ts</sup> of those who are in this County & Deserters before Ordered to Chester Town are not sent & stil in the hands of the Lieut<sup>t</sup>

October 17 [Baruch Williams, Cecil Co'ty to Gov. Lee]

Sir I Inclosed you my returns of Provision for this County yesterday, and on recollection an addition is wanting to the account of £5 p<sup>r</sup> B<sup>ll</sup> also the freight from Susquehanna to Elk, which is not in my Power at this time to ascertain a further account of which I will transmit you next week with a few Beefs

October 17 [Ben Stoddert Secry, War Office, to His Excellency  
Red Book Thos S. Lee, Esqr.]  
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Sir Col Rawlings at Fort Frederick has orders to call in all the Prisoners in the neighbourhood of his post, & in future to keep them in close confinement, as the greatest evils have been experienced from a contrary conduct