

is laid in upon the North River contiguous to West point, and at the Magazines in Jersey. there is a very poor prospect at present, as the daily support of the Army leaves none for that purpose. The supplies of fresh meat must undoubtedly fail in the winter, and without large Magazines of salt meat are procured in due time the Army cannot be fed. those are matters which require immediate consideration & if delayed may be attended with the most serious consequences, which cannot be remedied.

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There are large demands against me since last Spring and early in the Summer. part for the seizure of Rum by order of his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington at the time when our Army marched from Morristown against the Enemy [then] in Jersey, which he gave me express Orders to settle and pay for. All the persons, receivers of cattle and Butchers who are in my employ with the Army, have received no pay since my entering upon the business of the department. those with the former sums will amount to two hundred thousand pounds, which I beg & request Congress to enable me to pay, without which it will be impossible for me to stay in Camp.

Since the month of July and last of September in the vicinity of the Army, and Garrison of West point there has been seized from Sundry persons above twelve thousand Gallons of rum, and orders and Certificates given upon me for payment. the people are very importunate for their money and give me great trouble. What can I do with them under present circumstances? The want of rum in the Army causes great uneasiness among the soldiery more particular when there is the least scarcity of provisions and the consequence of not having a regular supply, causes seizures and those generally at thirty or forty p cent above the price it might be procured at.

[Ben Stoddert Secy. By order, War Office, to His Excellency  
Govr Lee]

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Sir The reasons which induced the board to direct the march of the new raised reg<sup>t</sup> of Maryland, by Alex<sup>a</sup> Charlotteville &<sup>ca</sup> having in a great measure subsided. It is submitted to your Excellency, whether it will not be best for you to pursue the original intention of Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington, & direct the March of the Troops by such route, as you shall Judge most convenient.

[John Cockey, Baltimore County, to Gov. Lee]

October 18

Hon<sup>rd</sup> Sir I Rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>rs</sup> the fifth Instant, to make Return of horses and waggons procur'd by purchase & Otherways.

I have Rec<sup>d</sup> from the Nonjurrers of Baltimore County Seven horses by Purchase I have three horses & one waggon and gears Complete I Could have purchas'd almost any Number of horses if