

which is in Low Creditt with us. I have only purchas'd four good Steers and Could prevail on the person to take only Cash for two of Them and Certificates for the Other two I have the promise of a few more if I Can prevail on them to take the new money when Done I will Drive them to the head of Elk which I must do myself as I Cant Gett a man to do anything for the new money. Not one pers[on in th]e County offered any beef for assesment Part of the wheat is manufactur'd and should have been sent away before this but the talk of the Refugee Crusers has prevented our Craft from Going out however it shall be sent away in a few Days from this when I Gett the Cattle and flower away I intend To Annapolis when I hope to be able to Give you a more perfect account of my proceedings and hope to be able to inform you on what terms pork may be had. October 19

[Henry Shryock, Hagers Town to His Excellency Thos Simm Lee] October 20

I Rec^d your Excelencys Leter Requesting Me To Make Return of the Number of Horses Peerchased By Me am Exceeding Sory that I Must Inform your Excelency that I Have Purchased But three for I find that I Cannot Purchase Good Horses without Money there is Non ofers for Sale onless ould or Low In flesh the order your Excelency sent Me on the Colecter of this County I Rec^d But have Not Rec^d one Shilling Naighter Can he Give Me any Encoregment untel he Colects the Next assesment

[Pat Sim Smith, Calvert to Gov Lee]

October 20

Dear Sir Inclosed is the most accurate Account I can at present render of my purchase of provision in this County, I'm sorry it has been delayed so long but t'was not in my power to prevent it.

The purchase is all in wheat, there was no Salt provision to be had, and I could not engage Beeff on the Hoof for want of Cash. indeed the price asked was such that I could not make a Contract without further Instructions. there is more wheat to be purchased had I cash to pay for it, but fear I shall not have enough to comply with the Contracts already made the Collectors falling short some fifteen hundred pounds of the order I had on them

The account now sent I hope will be Sufficient at this time, twill shew the Quantity of wheat purchased & in what manner, which I suppose is all thats required. I shall be happy in carrying your further commands