October 31

[Moses Rawlings Fort Frederick to Gov Lee]

Sir I have the honour to Inform your Excellency that I have at this time about 400 prisoners, in this Garrison, and Expect 200 more Daily, so that with the guard the Issues will Exceed 600 Rations pr Day, and I have not at this time on hand more Provisions of the meat kind then will serve them one month from this date, and Dont see any Likelyhood of geting any more without tis in your Excellencys Power to furnish me with a sum of Continental Currency The new Emission I brought from Annapolis I cannot pass any of it in this part of the Country, our Collector Cant pay me any of the order I have on him at this time as he has no money in his hands, and Indeed he Expects when the next assesment is due that the people will pay of Chiefly in Certificates.

The winter is now approaching fast and there ought at the least be one hundred Thousand weight of beef Laid in at this Magazine If I had at this time a sum of money I Could buy a great many Cattle, but the Time for buying will soon be over, the Purchases ought to be Compleated in three weeks from this, I know the scarcity of Money & am sorry to ask it, but Necessity oblidges me, I Leave your Excellency to Guess my situation with this number of Prisoners without Provisions.

I am in great Distress for Money to pay of Waggoners wood Cuters Carpenters, for flour Barrels and to buy Forage for the waggon horses.

I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency that I have received for the Last Tax upwards of 3000 bushels of wheat and about 4000 weight of Flour, tis not at this time in my Power to send an Exact Account, as I have Two or three Mills in the upper part of this County that I have not had an oppertunity to procure the returns from, but shall send them by the next Letter.

Agreeable to Y<sup>r</sup> Excellencys Request I have bought Linen for Cap<sup>t</sup> Reid & his officers, and also Linen & Stockins for his Soldiers. I should be glad to be inform<sup>d</sup> what a soldiers pay is monthly, Cap<sup>t</sup> Reid would be much oblidg<sup>d</sup> to your Excellency for an order on the Clothier for a suit of Cloaths for himself and officers, if obtain'd Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobs who will have the honour to Deliver this will bring them who will also wait your Excellencies Commands to me, I hope y<sup>r</sup> Excell<sup>cy</sup> will order up them Soldiers you were Speaking off to act as a guard at this post

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[John Schly to His Excellency and the Honble Gentlemen of the Council]

I have lived in Charlestown South Carolina almost 9 years and belong to the Company of German Fuziliers one of the 13 Com-