November now sitting I am in hopes of your Aid in this interesting Circum-10 stance

> P. S. the forage recd from Colo Hollingsworth was that which was on Hand when I came to the Post, it would be very acceptable if some of the Bran of the wheat now manufacturing for the State could be spared me in lieu of Indian Corn at such an Allowance in measure as will be an Equivalent

November

## [T. Donellan Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Red Book No. 26

Sr I have your Excellencys Commands to Issue Provisions to the Militia of this County & shall pay due Attention thereto, but No. 63 must request to be Instructed whether or no I am to Consider them as in the Continent<sup>1</sup> Service or separately in the Service of the State

The Continental Ration is only one pound of Flour, one pound Fresh or 3416 Salted Provisions & no Liquor allowed only on some particular occasions.

November

## [Nath. Greene, Annapolis to Excellency Gov Lee.]

Brown Book

Sir The dispatches which I delivered your Excellency from the No. 8 Commander in chief of the Armies of the United States, and others No. 21 which I presume have been forwarded from Congress, will inform you of my appointment to the command of the Southern Army.

The situation of which, from the force of the Enemy and the fugitive war which has been carried on in that quarter for some time by the Militia, is truly alarming. The efforts which the Inhabitants are making to prevent the further encroachments of the enemy deserve the most speedy and effectual support as well from principles of humanity as those of sound policy. Unless they are soon succoured and countenanced by a good regular force their distresses will inevitably break their spirits and they will be impelled to reconcile themselves to their misfortune; than which nothing can be more fatal to the happiness and independance of these States. It is much easier to keep up an effectual opposition in these States while the tide of sentiment is in our favour than it will be to secure the remaining states from the enemies farther encroachments after these are subdued. There is no alternative but base submission, or an effectual prosecution of the war. The horrors of one and the blessings which will result from the other cannot admit of a moments hesitation in our choice. But in vain shall we contend unless we raise, cloath & equip a regular army. The mode to effect this is not for me to point out but if a draft could be once accomplished, it would damp the hopes of the enemy more than ten Victories. Congress in order to reduce our national expence, and proportion the demands for men [upon the several] States, to the strength of the enemy & the present plan of the war, have made a large reduction of the Regiments.