November 10 [Jno Hammond, Acton Hall to Col Uriah Forrest]

I beg Leave to inform you, that the Soldiery stationed at the Poor House, still continue their Trespasses on my Land, by cutting and carrying off my wood from it:—That on detecting two of them yesterday in the Fact, and questioning them, how they dared to do it contrary to your Orders; They informed me, they had received none from you, either personally or by Message; or thro' any Officer acting under you: That they were not allowed, or supplied with a Stick of wood, to make a Fire, wherewith to dress their victuals; but told they must look out, and provide it, where they cou'd which was the Reason of their taking it, wherever they cou'd get it: If this be the Case, Sir, and I am so unfortunate, as to fail of Redress, on my late Application to y^rself for it; (altho it was promised me;) as also to the Executive Power of the State, whose kind Interposition in my Behalf, I requested, nor doubted of obtaining; I hope I shall have your favourable Excuse, if on the Commission of further Trespass by the Men, under your Rule & Direction, I forthwith proceed to lay my Complaint before the Committee of Grievances & Courts of Justice, or the General Assembly, if necessary; in order to be righted, as my Case may merit:

P. S. If wood cannot conveniently be procured for the Soldiery at the Poor House; I will readily supply it on reasonable Terms; and on Credit too; so such Credit be applied to the Payment of my Taxes

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[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov Lee]

Sir I have sent M^r Hemsley an order for the money due for the beef I purchas'd of him which I hope y^r Excell: will order to be p^d the wheat I have sent from here to Elk has not in one instance held out owing to the difference of the half bus^{ls} the people here insist on delivering by our scal and Hollinsworth will receive by none but his own scale and there appears a difference of a pint in every half bus: I have retained the money for the deficiencys in my hands till I hear from you tho it appears they have deliver'd every grain they receiv'd. I hope y^r Excell will send me a written order to Hollingsworth by the Queen Ann's scal that which is purchas'd by that scal or the disputes will be endless. I rec^d yr. Ex: letter and £250 but that will go but a little way I hope to receive by M^r Hemsley a sum that will last all winter as the weather may prevent getting it when much wanted. If pork is to be bought please to send Salt or an order on M^r Wedderstrandt as he has Gov^t Salt here.

July 15 Brown Book No. 5 Letter [Luther Martin, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

No. 5 Sir I do myself the Honour to inform your Excellency that a certain Stephen Mitter of the State of Virginia stands indicted on the General Court of this State for High Treason committed within