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The General has further instructed me to appoint places of ren-Brown Book dezvous for the Troops to be raised and to acquaint your Excel-No. 3 lency therewith, that the Recruits may have directions where to  $_{
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m Letter}$  Assemble An Officer at each place of rendezvous will be ordered to Inspect them, as they Arrive, and I am particularly charg'd to give them positive directions not to receive any recruits in the service whether by Draught or voluntary inlistment, unless they are Five Feet Four Inches high, of a good sound constitution, perfect in their limbs and under Fifty Years of Age.

> I have the Honor to enclose you an estimate of men wanting to compleat our quota as also of Clothing, Camp Equipage, Arms, Accoutrements &ca and as the stores under the direction of the Board of War are incompetent to furnish these Articles I beg leave to hint, the necessity of procuring them with all possible dispatch that the March of the Troops (when raised) may not be impeded. I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect & Esteem

November Red Book No. 26 Letter [George Dashiell, Somerset County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I embrace this oppertunity by Mr Jackson to inform your No. 64 Excellency that necessity obliges me to continue a part of the militia on Duty the Enemies cruisers are stil hovering about the tangier Island I rec<sup>d</sup> Inteligence (which I could rely on) the 6<sup>th</sup> that the col was Join'd on the 2nd Instant by four sloops & schooners and that A Brigg lay at the mouth of the sound. Their boats frequently come near the mouth of our rivers but have not attempted to come up the rivers on which the smallest detachments of Militia have been Stationed I wrote your Excellency sometime pass'd requesting a supply of lead cartridge boxes and camp kettles. Those articles we are much in want of I had reason to expect such of them as you could conveniently spare by the state boats, but as I apprehend that they are by the junction of the Enemies cruisers now rendered unequal to them I presume they will not be sent down. And request the favour of Your Excellency to inform me in what manner I can be supplied. I have not more lead than is barely sufficient to supply the few men now on Duty and should it be necessary to collect a larger force cannot furnish them with it, I am unacquainted with the quantity in Worcester County, which lies remote and not exposed to the ravages of the Enemy, as the Lieutenant of that County is now in Annapolis if you will please to inform yourself And in Case I can be furnished with a small Quantity g[ive m]e an order I can readily procure it, or if it can be more conveniently spar'd from any other part of the State I will immediately send for it