

me to purchase any of the before mentioned Articles I think there is no Time to be lost December 15

The following are the prices now current for such Articles as I presume will be wanting for the Army: Pork 50s per H^d Fatted Beef 33/4 per H^d Corn 12/6 per Barrell Oats 2/6 per Bus^{hl} Peas & Beans @ 6s per bushell. The Sales are now in hard money most generally whether the new Emission will gain a circulation at some determinate Standard Value seems at present doubtful.

[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee.]

December 16

Sir I rec^d the 111 notes sent by y^r Ex^{cy} which I have disposed of at 55 and 4 p^r C^t for the Cash have rec^d 45000 pound and expect the rest this week. I am endeavoring to lay it out as orderd but find pork extremely scarce and very high. I shall be very glad to receive a farther supply of the New State money to pay for Wheat rec^d and as people seem to give it better credit than before should be glad to have a sum to be ready to take the advantage of any contract that may be offer'd I yesterday lost 400 bus: for want of Cash as to Credit, I cannot gett one bus. for that. As our Members will soon be returning hope y^r Ex. will make use of the oppertunity of transmitting any sum you may think proper to me which shall be applied to the best advantage.

The order drawn in favour of M^r Hemsley has been duly paid

[James Wood, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.]

December 17

Sir I am Desired by Brigadier General Hamilton, to request that your Excellency will Permit their Paymaster General M^r David Geddes, to go occasionally to Baltimore, in order to Dispose of their Bills of Exchange: this I consider as a matter of which your Hon^{ble} Board are the sole Judges; therefore I shall only add, that M^r Geddis has been Perfectly uniform in his Conduct since the convention Troops have been under my Direction, and that I am fully Persuaded he wou'd not abuse any Indulgence you may think Proper to grant him.

[Sam Smith, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.]

December 17

I Have a very fine New Brig nearly ready for Sea. She will Carry from 1000 to 1200 B^{bles} flour will mount 12 Six pounders, She is prim Sailer, & shall in every Respect be compleatly fitted & found. She is now ready to take in her Cargo. I wish to freight her on the Terms heretofore given by this state which I understand to be, to allow me 5 p C^t for purchasing the Cargo for which purpose I must be supplied with Money, The Brig. to be allow'd one Half the flour for Carrying the other. I obliging myself to bring one Half a Cargo Home freight free