

[Daniel Jenifer Porttobacco to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee]

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Sir Immediately upon the rec<sup>t</sup> of your Excellencys Letter appointing me com<sup>ry</sup> of purchases in this county; I set out in pursuit of Bacon and am unhappy to tell you that it will not be in my power to procure above 6 or 7000 w<sup>t</sup> Wheat and Beef I shall be able to get; of the former betwixt 2 and 3000 bushells and of the latter about 200 hun<sup>d</sup> but not without money; therefore shoud be glad that your excellency will fill my hands; It will, I believe be in my power to prevail on the people to take half Certificates but their necessities are such, that they must have some money. I have sent to the Treasury by Col Stone 30 Crop notes taken on loan and likewise an Acc<sup>t</sup> of the money borrowed since my last return, which is only 3200 Dollars & 400 paid in, to me by M<sup>r</sup> Hamersly

[Richard Peters, By order and in behalf of the Board, War & Ordinance Office to His Excellency the Governor Lee]

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Sir The Board have been pressingly called upon by the Commander in chief for a larger quantity of Powder than the Magazine of the United States can possibly supply, for the intended operations in concert with the Fleet & Armies of our Allies. We need not impress upon your Excellency the necessity of complying with the Generals request & how disagreeable would be our situation, if the operations in which our Allies were invited by Congress to assist us, were either retarded or totally obstructed by a failure on our part. Yet we are under the greatest apprehensions for the success of the intended measures if we are not enabled by the generous & vigorous Exertions of the respective States to afford Supplies of many essential Articles, among which that of Powder is of the highest importance. We have therefore most earnestly to request of your Excellency & the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Council that you would lend, out of the stores belonging to your State, all the powder you can possibly spare; & we have farther to entreat your strenuous endeavours to procure, on the credit of the State, as much as can be had from Individuals & that you will be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of informing us how much we are to expect from your State. Nothing shall be wanting to provide all we can on Account of the United States; but we are convinced that without the assistance of the States individually we shall fall very short of the Quantity required & perhaps experience the most distressing disappointments from the want of this most essential Article. We will, when the Continental Magazines are replenished, chearfully return in kind the powder you are pleased to lend us, or pay the Value in money, as you shall choose. We hope the State will, on this interesting occasion, go to the extent of her Abilities in the Article required; & if hereafter as the continental Stock encreases, any quantity shall be wanting for State uses, in part of the quantity lent, we can at any time accommodate them