

December 25 me belonging to the Corps and the Commanding officer of this Department orders him and myself to retire from the Corps, the last of this month, leaving the Men without any officer of the State of Maryland to Command them. I shall do every thing in my Power to keep them together till I have some instructions respecting them. Therefore have sent your Honor a return of the Corps, Likewise of the Officers, and make no doubt but that you will be pleas'd to give me instructions respecting the Corps, as I shou'd be happy in obeying your orders in Marching the Corps from this Department if, I cou'd be taken into the Maryland Line, and from your known goodness and your knowledge of the injustice having been done the officers of the Corps, beg leave to Solicit your Interest in geting me annexed to the Maryland Line as I have a great desire of Continuing in the Service of my Country; My distant and remote situation renders it out of my Power to make Personal application to continue in the Service

December 26

[Pat. Sim Smith to Gov. Lee.]

Dear Sir You will herewith receive two Prisoners Peter Laurence and William Follett. they belong to the Schooner Sukey a privateer from New York Comanded by a Captain Ridley. they were put on board a prize Schooner from the Eastern Shore called the Vienna, loaded with Corn & plank, Laurence was prize Master and was carrying the Prize to New York when the Crew raised retook Her & brought her into Patuxent. I have to request you will take charge of them & either Convey them to Annapolis & deliver them to the Governor & Council, or put them in the care of some officer for that purpose. I hope this may be done without delay

December 29

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk to His Excellency,
Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr. in Council]

Gentlemen On my return to this place I found some Wheat and Flour in motion, which is detained untill your further orders, as it could not be ceized with propriety, the Wheat being on the way to the Mills (for manufacturing, and the Flour on its way to market, the owners being intirely unacquainted with the Law, which they now appear disposed to comply with, it do not strike me that they are culpable, or the wheat or Flour seizable by the Law, further then to Stop it. shall meet my coleagues the commiss^{rs} of this county to morrow to see if any thing further can be done, the Result of which shall inform your Excellency and Honors of; last night came to this Village Colt: William Montgomery a Member of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, of him I have obtained the Inclosed Paper, with the Bill for Exporting Flour from Philad^a (under certain easy restrictions) as it is likely the General Assembly are not yet risen I have taken the liberty of forwarding the Act, as early as in my power.