

[Sam. Smith Balt. to Gov Lee]

December 29

The Cato will be loaded to Morrow. She will have between 950 & 1000 B^{bles} on Board, on Saturday Morning I shall go down with Capt Weeks for his Commission of Marque & flatter myself your Excell^y will have all orders ready that no Detention may be, as a Day at this Season is very precious.

[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert, to Gov. Lee.]

December 29

Sir I had the Honor of writing you sometime past by our Post, respecting the wheat purchased by me in this County, but not receiving an answer I fear my letter may have miscarried

Have therefore now to inform you that my purchase amounts to upwards of six hundred bushells, about Two hundred and fifty Bushells of which has been manufactured at Col^o Fitzhugh's Mill One hundred Bushells stored on the Bay, and the residue lies on Patuxent River ready to be taken off, but the Colonel being without a Miller declines collecting it for the present.

He informs me there are upwards of Thirty Barrells of Superfine flour now ready at the Mill & some Barrells of Seconds, and recommends strongly to have it taken off as it lays very dangerous there the Enemy being frequently in and about the mouth of Patuxent.

I wish to be informed if I am to continue purchasing, I have wheat offered me but no Cash to pay for it, If I am to Continue Hope I shall be supplied either by an order on the Sheriff or otherwise. Am in want of about a thousand pounds to comply with my present contracts and as the Sheriff of our County has money in his hands of both the 15 p cent & 10 p cent collections must beg I may be furnished with an order on him for that sum by the first Conveyance

[Edward Giles to Gov. Lee asks commission in new regiment.]

No date

[Signals by which vessels from the Potomac may be known. In the night a light hoisted at the flag staff and in the day a Union flag at the foretop.]