

July 23 that if the publick does not Shortly supply M^r Wedderstrandt I am for Ever Ruin'd pray lett me Know. if he has Rec^d any more from your Treasury lately as I may Call on him for my share of itt. I have nothing more to add but hope you will advise me on Everthing Relating to my department and if anything new worth Relating itt will be thankfully Received

July 23 [Rich'd Barnes, Leo^d Town to Gov. Lee]

D^r Sir Our recruiting business in this County goes on much worse than I expected and from what I can collect of the sentiments of the young Fellows that are proper to turn out, I have little expectation of our being able to make up our complement of men. The greatest part of those that have inlisted are free Negroes & Mulattoes, all of which from what I have been informed will not amount to more than fifteen. However as the People have had but a very short time since they rec^d their Classes I am in some expectation they will procure many more in a day or two, I really could wish the Classes had about ten days longer to procure the men. But as the matter now stands I am at a loss to know what will be the consequence of issuing warrants for the Collections of the fifteen p^t C^t as there is not money in this part to pay it, and if money could be had for produce I am well satisfied that it would not then be in the power of many to pay, they not having any thing to dispose of owing to their being obliged to purchase Corn, which as I am informed has taken from many every thing they could spare and subsist their Familys. My Comp^{ts} to Mrs. Lee,

July 23 [W^m Hemsley, Lieut of Q. A. County, Queen Anns Coun^{ty} to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir I must begg your Excellency to send an Officer to take Charge of the Recruits & Deserters who are procured in this County.

The Jail at Queens Town is so much out of repair, that it will not keep a man, a circumstance that I was ignorant of untill the other day, and I fear the necessary repairs cannot be done, and locks had here to secure it in Time. I have three Deserters (very fine looking fellows) now on Parole.

As Provision is wanting for the Men I have been obliged to board some at a publick House, at 24 Dollars p^r man p^r day; this will soon am^t to a Considerable sum of money, but I coul'd not get them boarded for less, and what is worse I have not Cash to pay for their accommodations.

Our people are extreemly Anxious to procure the recruits, but they really want money to do it with; cou'd you spare but a few thousand pounds it wou'd be of considerable Assistance. I ought to have as much money as will pay the Continental bounty. I flatter