

Rule, by which I am to be Governed in the purchase I always under- July 25  
 stood that the new Regiment now raising was to be given to some  
 officer in the Line otherwise I should have made application for it,  
 and if it is not already disposed of I shall be glad to Accept it, and  
 to testify to both your Exc<sup>t</sup> & the public how much I am Yours &  
 their ob<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

[Peter Clarke to Gov. Lee]

July 26

Sir The bearer is an Invalid who had a Furlow from Colonel  
 Nicola some time before the Troops came down here & has been  
 very ill ever since he got his Furlow lengthen'd by Gen<sup>l</sup> Mordecai  
 Gist which he has lost it was lengthened for four months on Acc<sup>t</sup>  
 of his inability to march to Philadelphia he is blind of his right Eye  
 & has got a very bad leg occasion'd by the bite of a Dog there has  
 been People here to take him up as a Diserter as the furlow he had  
 from the Invalid Colonel is out and the one he had from Gen<sup>l</sup> Gist  
 is lost which wou'd not be out for some time He is not able to walk  
 five miles at this time if you wou'd be so good as to give him a fur-  
 low for some time I'll be answerable for him as I am sure he wou'd  
 be willing to march any time he was able your Excellency will con-  
 fer a particuar obligation on me if you will let me know if an Officer  
 who has served 3 years in the Continental Service and resign'd on  
 Acc<sup>t</sup> of losing his health is obliged to contribute in a Class of Militia  
 to find a Substitute.

[Wm. Smith's agent of the Marine of France to Thomas Donellan,  
 for the State of Maryland,]

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Receipt for 412 barrels of flour, £815.1.13.

[Henry Downes, Caroline County, to His Excellency  
 Thos. S. Lee Esqr]

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 Letter  
 No. 79

Sir I Observe Coll<sup>o</sup> Potter who is appointed to receive, Wheat,  
 Flour & Beef in this County in discharge of the September Assess-  
 ment, has advertised that he will give Cash for wheat for the use  
 of the State. And by the laws passed last Session to raise men to  
 fill up our Battalions, and raise a new one, Occasions an Assessment  
 (or fine) of 15£ in the hundred to shortly collected, and three Classes  
 of our Militia is ordered out few I doubt will goe. The money they  
 have not to pay their fines, nor can they get it. we have very few  
 Planters with us; and our Crops of wheat are very short, and no  
 cash to be had for that as yet. nor at this Season, have we anything  
 that will fetch it. Some that will, by the present demand for men and  
 money, he greatly distressed, who I pittty not. others who have  
 families, are poor, but will affected, bare the distresses occasioned  
 by necessity, with a becoming fortitude. It is too tender a scene for  
 a Generous mind, to be the instrument to break these people up.