

July 26 which must be the case if the law is strickly executed. To aleviate
 Red Book this approaching evil, I petition to Your Excellency & Council, that
 No. 26 I may be permitted to receive the fifteen Pounds ap^t & Militia fines,
 Letter in Wheat or Tobacco at the prices stipulated by Act of Assembly,
 No. 79 or certificates for Grain seized last winter & Spring, and account
 with the Lieut^t of the County, with any persons acc^{ts} you may order
 me to pay too, as I collect, instead of the Cash. or any other mode
 but collecting that which, they neither have, nor can obtain, which
 you may deem best for the publick Good, if within my power shall be
 faithfully Executed.

July 26 [George Washington, Headquarters Bergen County to His
 Brown Book Excellency Govr Lee]
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 No. 36

Sir I have been honored with your Excellency's favor of the 10th
 inclosing Copies of the several laws passed by the Legislature of
 your State, for procuring the supplies of Men, provisions and Car-
 riages required by the Hon^{ble} the Committee of Cooperation in con-
 junction with me. The readiness with which these laws were passed,
 and the pointed attention which your Excellency seems determined
 to pay to the due execution of them are happy presages that they
 will be speedily and fully carried into effect.

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect and Regard Sir
 Your Excellency's Most ob^t and humble Serv^t

G^o Washington

July 26 [Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert County to His Excellency The Governor
 in Council]

Sir Since receiving my appointment as Commissary of purchases
 for this County I have taken every Step in my power to procure a
 Supply of Salt provisions for the Army, but fear the Quantity I
 shall be able to get will be very small, not exceeding a thousand
 weight of Bacon in the whole. there is no Salt Beeff or pork to be
 had. this scarcity arises from the number of Vessells detained in
 Patuxent by the Ice last winter the Captains of which purchased all
 the Pork and Beeff they Could possibly get in the County.

For the Bacon I am asked ten Dollars p pound, part of which
 Certificates will be taken for the residue must be paid for in Cash.

I wish to be informed if I am to give Certificates or apply to the
 Treasurer for them to pay those who are inclined to take them,
 & if convenient shall be glad to be furnished with some Cash by
 the first oppertunity as I shall want it in the course of the next
 week, I can't at present ascertain the sum but should there be more
 sent them sufficient to pay for the Bacon will apply it towards pur-
 chasing wheat as I am promised a considerable Quantity as soon
 as it can be got out of the Straw