

July 26 of these Tory Boats is a Barge of thirty two Oars and thirty three men, mounts one or two Swivel Guns and the Crew generally lay on Baron Island at Night. There are some Commissions wanting to fill up Vacancys in the Militia of this County which your Excellency will observe by the inclosed.

July 27 [Chas. Blake Corsica to Gov. Lee]

Sir I receiv'd y<sup>r</sup> Excellencys Favour of the 19<sup>th</sup> enclosing the Commissarys Commission for Queen Ann's, I have had since it has been known quantitys of Wheat and some bacon offerd me for Cash, the Commission without Cash is like a body without a Soul incapable of motion; much wheat may now be had for Cash but credit will do but little, the Peoples wants cannot be supplied by Certificates. I shall therefore be glad of a supply of cash if to be had, if not of an order on the Treasury for the first that comes in; from the applications I am of opinion much may now be done here, if I am well supply'd with Cash; y<sup>r</sup> Excellency may rest ashur'd that all my endeavours will prove unsuccesfull unless Supported in that necessary article. The People in general seem inclined to part with their wheat for the use of the army but must have the Cash ashurances will go but a little way. I yesterday bought 200 bus: by advancing 1550 pounds but I am now out. I shall be glad to have y<sup>r</sup> Excellencys instructions with regard to the receipt of Beef on the hoofe, if the fifth quarter is to be sunk as heretofore and only the net weight of the four quarters specified in the receipts, and in case of disagreement between the Person offering beef and the Commissary about the weight how is it to be decided no Law sent me points out the mode. As to the Tobacco you direct me to offer they do not chuse to be concern'd with it, it will not do here. Our crops tho' light are vastly superior to the crops of the Lower countys and from information are equal to those of Kent and Cecil; as that is the case and wheat is at 60 Dol. I hope for supplies equal to the call as soon as they can be procur'd. everything in my power shall be done.

As we have no Merchant Mills in the lower part of this County I suppose the wheat must be sent to Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth when procur'd

[John Smith Brookes to Council]

July 27 Asks instructions as to the purchase of herrings.

July 28 [Richd. Barnes, Leo<sup>d</sup> Town to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

D<sup>r</sup> Sir On the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month we had a meeting of the Field Officers of the Co<sup>ty</sup> together with the Commissions<sup>rs</sup> of the Tax, in order to assess Paupers and issue Warrants for the Collection of the 15 p C<sup>t</sup> due from those that did not by that time find their pro-