

without money has give me not a little concern, a Seizure is likely to be the consequence if so I shall wish not to be one of those men. August 1

I find by insinuating to the People that if a sufficient supply of Provisions for the Armeiy is not shortly purchased a Seizure will take place, will deter many of them from getting there crops immediately out, Your Order on M<sup>r</sup> Baxter comes protested for want of money

[J. To<sup>y</sup>, Chase Balt Town to Gov Lee]

August 1  
Red Book  
No. 29  
Letter  
No. 22

Sir I have snatched a moment to inform your Excellency and the Council that M<sup>r</sup> Ridley will let the State have 345 Blankets and 500 Pair of Shoes. The Blankets at £10: a Livre on the first Cost and the shoes at sixty four Dollars a Pair. The Blankets will average about £75.0.0 each. M<sup>r</sup> Ridley will give us three weeks Credit from the Time he has notice the Governor and Council will take them but says If we cant undertake to be punctual he will not sell them and that we must be accountable for the Deprivation of the Money. I dont think it is probable we shall have it in our Power to buy Blankets cheaper. The shoes are not very strong but your Excellency and Council will consider if they can be procured on more advantageous Terms.

[J. W. Archer, Capt P. R. Annapolis to Gov. Lee.]

August 1  
Red Book  
No. 27  
Letter  
No. 4

Sir, I am just arrived in Town from Virg<sup>a</sup> with orders from my commanding Officer to procure Shallops for the immediate transportation of Major Lee's Rangers to the Head of Elk. The Orders from the board of War are absolute on the occasion. From my fatigue I must beg the favor of you to excuse my desiring you to step down to the Tavern where I shall be glad of your Company to eat supper with me, & where I will give you further information

[John Archer, Harford County, to His Excellency  
Thomas Sim Lee]

August 2

Sir At the Request of Samuel Witherel who was committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Harford County as a Deserter from Col: Proctor's Train of Artillery I beg leave to represent his Case for y<sup>r</sup> Excellency's Determination therein. Samuel Witherel in an early Period of this War enlisted in Col: Proctor's Train of Artillery & was taken in the Battle of Long Island & thro Necessity (as he represents) was obliged to enlist with the British Army & deserted from them the first favorable oppertunity.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Wetheral conceives that should he be compelled to join the American Army, he apprehends that should he be so unfortunate as to be taken by the British he must undoubtedly suffer Death as a Deserter from them, which he thinks is hard as he made use of the