

August 3 daily. The Requisition made by the Committee of Congress upon the respective States for Provisions, are Calculated to supply Our Army, which is very Shortly Expected in the field, and without a speedy Compliance they Cannot long subsist. have in the most pressing Terms to request your Excellency & Council, to urge your State Commissioners, to use every possible Exertion, to facilitate their respective Purchases and beg your Excellency not to Confine them to the Quantity requested from the State, (whatever they Exceed) I shall take particular Care to make it a Continental Charge, and Engage to see your State paid first Costs & Charges. The flour you will Order delivered to the Commissary at the Head of Elk or Christiana Bridge, The Cattle to Cap^t John Little of Philadelphia, whom I have Appointed to Superintend that Business and to forward them regularly by Drovers to Head Quarters. I shall be happy in Adapting any measure which will make the delivery of Supplies Easy to your State, and not be prejudicial to the United States.

The sudden move of Our Army from Jersey to this place gave me hopes of being in New York in a very few days, but Sir Henry Clintons speedy return from his Intended Expedition against the French at Rhode Island, with all his forces, has Occasioned his Excellency Gen^l Washington to postpone that Attempt for the present.

We are now recrossing North River and going to take Post at Dobb's ferry, Eighteen Miles below this, where I presume we shall remain, untill we have Accounts of the Arrival of the second Division of the French fleet.

August 3 [Fran's Ware, Port Tobacco to His Excellency
Thomas S. Lee Esqr.]

May it please your Excellency Agreeable to your instructions of the 26th July. I have ordered 28 Recruits to Annapolis, under the care of M^r Samuel Luckitt, Who I have Employed to take Charge of them, as I know of no Regular officers being appointed to Receive them have Enclosed their Enrolments &^c to Col^o Forrest, and should be Glad you Would appoint a proper officer to Receive the next Party at this Place, as I have a deserter or two in Custody, Who I am Loath to trust With young hands, as they may Endeavour to affect their Escape. shall make a Return of The Condition &c of the public arms and ammunition under my Care in a very few days

August 3 [John Smith Brookes, U. Marlbro to The Honb^{le} The Governor & Council]

Gentlemen Captⁿ Armstrong came to this place on Tuesday evening with Maj^r Lee's partie of Rangers, and from the flood and fateagued state of the Troops was under the necessaty of remaining