

[Pat. Sim Smith Calvert County to Gov Lee]

August 25

Sir I have Contracted for a Considerable Quantity of wheat payable in money & Certificates as I shall want, the money Immediately, wish to have an order on the Collectors of our County for as much as may be necessary for the purpose of Complying with my Contracts.

I have not as yet engaged more than five or Six hundred Bushells, tho have promises of as much more as soon as it can be got out of the Straw. I wrote last week by our Post requesting an order on the Collectors but as I did not receive it, fear the letter has miscarried.

Have herewith inclosed a Transcript of the Condemnation of a Negro for Felony at our last Court, together with a Petition from the Justices & other Inhabitants of the County for a Reprieve

[U. Forrest to Gov'r Lee]

August 25

Sir The bearer M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Gray who is a serg<sup>t</sup> in the 2<sup>d</sup> Maryland Regiment, has been some Time from the Army, owing to the loss of his Arm; he has made repeated applications to me, for to request that your Excell<sup>y</sup> would be pleased to order him a shirt Overalls, Shoes and some other Articles, but from my knowing the scarcity of these things, I have hitherto denied him.

The furnishing him with these few Articles cannot make any great detention, in forwarding these Troops, and will be rendering his situation much more Comfortable

[Moses Rawlings Fort Frederick to His Excellency  
Thomas Sym Lee Esquire]

August 26

Sir I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I find it impossible to make any Purchases worth while with Certificates, for any of the articles specified in the Act of Assembly for the immediate supply of the army, as for Beef & Porke in Barrels there is none in this County to be Bought

Bacon I could buy a little for Cash, there will be a great Deal of Wheat to be bought in this County, but none at present because The Farmers have not begun to Thrash.

it appears To me as if the Inhabitants of this County will pay the last Assesment entirely in wheat, so that we shall get no Beef that way, the people Expect to get 60 Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Bushel for their wheat as they are allow'd that by the Act of Assembly in paying off there Assesment, But I am Fully Convinc'd it Can be Bought upon much Better Terms for Cash, I have bespoak a Number of Flour Barrels, shall have the Wheat Manufactured as fast as the People Brings it to the Different Mills

There may be a great many Cattle bought in this County, and the sooner I can begin on this Business the better. If your Excellency