

August 30 most importunate of my Creditors. It is not in my power to advise you at present the exact quantity of Wheat taken in as I have not been lately at the Mills where it is received but believe it is between 12 & 1400 Bushells it would come in fast if I had Cash to pay for it, but the people hold back from an apprehension that they are to be paid off in the new money at 40 for one, which they seem generally averse to, apprehending they will not be able to pay off their former contracts with it at the same rate. I apprehend very little Wheat will come into my hands from the Lieutenant of this County as I understand our full quoto of recruits was procured & delivered to him. I have employd a proper person to look out for Beef but do not expect he will be able to purchase much as this is by no means a Grazing Country & I apprehend what little Beef there is, is yet too poor to drive but shall be able to say more on this subject in a few days.

As Provisions are so much wanting in the Army would it not be proper to ship on the Flour that is in M^r Tho. Bealls hands, in case there should be a call for any here I shall be able to answer it with Fresh Flour & I think there is a risque that what is here now will spoil by keeping.

I hope it will not be long before you can supply me with some Cash if it were possible to give me Continental I am confident it would be the most agreeable to the people who have provisions to sell.

August 30 [Tho Richardson Georgetown to Daniel Carroll, Esqr]

Dear Sir In the letter I rec^d by last Post from the Gov^r & Council there was a ticket I think in your hand writing advising that an Order was enclosd on M^r Johns for him to pay me what money he has taken in for the State, the Order was omitted, if it is agreeable to the Gov^r & council please to send me a Loan Office Certificate in the name of John Ahair for one thousand Dollars & Charge me with that sum. I have wrote to his Excellency by this Opp^{ty} to which refer you for the success I have had & my prospect in office. I am much afraid that the new money will not be generally received as the People are very apprehensive of loosing by it, I think much will depend on the Conduct of the People of Baltimore if they take it Chearfully it will soon work itself into circulation, but if they go to money Jobing with it the consequences will be bad. we have a report that the 2^d Division of the French Fleet have arriv'd & form'd a Junction with the first. I wish for a Confirmation

August 30 [Archibald Buchanan to Council]

Returns letter sent on the 21st to Abram Risteau and regrets that on account of ill health the latter cannot accept office.