

[Joseph Dashiell, Somerset County, to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

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May it please your Excellency The Barer Docter Houston Bring forward Elijah Justice & Solomon Hutson. Two Continental Soldiers. who kept out of the way. whin I sent forward them by Capt Rob^t Dashiell, as soon as I got these men in I sent them under Guard to Cambridge to Be Safe kept untill a pasage offered to Annapolis But the Gentlemen Refused to Take any Charge of them and sent them back. the Expence of sending them to Cambridge was Near Sixty pounds which I hope will be stopt out of Elijah Justices Bounty; as he has put us to the Expence

Since I rote you by Capt. Dashiell I heare the price of pork is fallen in Philadelphia and am In hopes that I shall get more of that Article then I expected from that Circumstance.

I have a quantity of Corn at Snow hill & sum at the Sea Side, But I think it needless to attempt to Ship any from Snow hill untill their is sum Guard Boats sent down or the Cruisers Take Leave of us as but Very Few of our Vesels Escape the Enemy. and I am realy of oppinion that the risk to Trentown is not as great, as to the head of Elk at present. and if it is agreable to you I will send One Load that way.

I have Shipt you by this Conveyance four Barrels of Pork & Eighty eight pounds Bacon which is all that is at Salisbury at present & is as much as I would wish to Ship in one Boat

Since I rote the above I have Rec^d official advice that the Privateers have Taken all the Tobacco out of American Warehouse. and have made an attempt to Take of M^r Henry Dennes & a Capt. Whaley that is Building a ship at M^r Denneses:

[Rich'd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee]

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Sir Your Excellencys several Letters of 21st Instant came to hand last evening, And I am sorry to say I have but little hopes of making any purchase in this County In fact I have no Credit myself nor will the people trust the Public. Certificates will not be received. I Purchased about 15000£ worth of Wheat & flour in June, under a promise of punctual payment in 6 weeks at farthest & I am exceedingly hurt in not having it in my Power to comply. Upwards of 600 Bushls of the wheat I had delivered in M^r Hutson mill to grind. M^r Gibson who manages the mill has sent the flour to Balt. Town for sale & has not a Bushl of Wheat now to grind, I have given this information to M^r Martin that Legal Steps may be taken to compell the delivery of the flour or payment. I believe the Public has sufferd exceedingly from the conduct of M^r Gibson at this mill & doubt not