

September 3

[H. Hollingsworth, H<sup>d</sup> of Elk, to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir Your former and present Letter are Rec<sup>d</sup> the first should have been answered had not want of time and the messenger hasty Returning prevented it I am now to Inform you that no Flour can with propriety be Rec<sup>d</sup> by me but at this post, or in this state at Least as my appointment as D. Q. M. G. or Receiver Gen<sup>l</sup> does not Extend further therefore cannot receive your flour at Duck Creek without a Special order from the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council which I believe they will not to give (it being out of this State Expences) the best of Teachers has taught me to be thus Cautious in doing buissness for the publick but had you sent me an order for the flour to be deliver'd to myself or Order I would have sent that order with mine on it to M<sup>r</sup> Maxwell receiver Gen<sup>l</sup> for the D State and believe it would have been the Readest and most Effectual way of Forwarding it, nor do I see any other way yet unless you can send if off as I have neither money or time to Look to it. Personally I have wrote the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council fully on it and shall be Ever Ready to do every thing in my power to serve the army so that it be Consistent (but not other ways if the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council has sent you orders to forward the flour to me those orders with your Request to me on them to have the flour Rec<sup>d</sup> from D. Creek, will Induce me to forward them to M<sup>r</sup> Maxwell who I apprehend will have full power on such Orders to forward the flour I am sorry the matter has given so much trouble.

September 4  
(Harper  
made his  
mark)[Henry Harper, Annapolis Goal, To his Excellency the Governor  
and the Hoñble the Council of the State of Maryland]

The Humble Petition of Henry Harper of Dorchester County sheweth that your Petitioner being Part Owner of a small Petty Auger, hired her to a certain William Hinchman, of the same County to carry some Salt to Baltimore Town; That the said William Hinchman is charged with trading with the Enemy; That your Petitioner has no Connection with the said Will<sup>m</sup> Hinchman and has no Knowledge of his Conduct, and can give no Evidence against him

Your Petitioner further sheweth, that no Crime or offence is alledged against him, yet he is detained in Prison, and every Evening confined in Irons as a Felon

Your Petitioner further sheweth that his confinement is disgracefull and disagreeable and will soon be injurious to his Health, and he is informed will be attended with considerable expence, he therefore prays that if he is detained as a Witness against the said William Hinchman, that his Examination on Oath, may be taken, and if he can Testify nothing against him, that he may be discharged, or that if his Evidence should be deemed necessary, that he may be admitted to give his own Recognizance for his appearance against