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[Jeremiah Banning, Talbot County to Council]

Recommends militia appointments.

[Richard Smith, Monocacy to Thos Richardson]

Dear Sir Agreeable to your Request I have made Enquirey in our Neighbourhood about beef for the army, & find there is some very Good ones to be got but not at the price you desired me to Engage it for, nor neither will the people take the New money that is now coming out at the Exchange of forty for one without I will Oblige myself to make the one as Good as Forty, I make not the Least doubt, if you will Furnish me with money that will Suit the people & allow me to give them something more but what I can get you a Clever Drove in a very Short time & them that is fit for Immediate use, please to let me know by the Bearer as there is a parcell kept for me untill I can hear from you some few I may get at the price you desired me to give; The people that is going to Carolina & has Cattle for Sale will not take the new money at any Rate you may depend that I will get them for you upon the best Terms that Lays in power, but the butchers is given Twenty shillings & upwards p^r lb for Beef. I do Expect to get you a Waggon Load of wheat Down to the mill this week which I have Sold the Salt for the Waggon Load which was deliuered by Thomas Dowden I shall be much Oblige to you for the money for it, as he is a going to leave the State Immediately & Looks to me for the money that is now in Circulation as no other will Suit him. If you should be Inclivable to purchase the Beef please to send me what Cash as you may think proper as the people who I expect to purchase the Chiefest part of is a going to leave the State Immediately

September 7 [Thos Richardson, Georgetown, to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir The foregoing is Copy of a letter I rec^d from Col^o Smith respecting Beef &c by which you will see how cautious the people are & the fears they have respecting the New money. I am sensible how much depends on its gaining an immediate Credit & shall do all in my power to gain it one, but I am still of opinion that it Chiefly depends on the conduct of the Wealthy traders in Baltimore whether it passes Current or not. I was at Newport Mill on Monday we had then taken in there 1700 Bushells of Wheat & about 100 at M^r Laceys Mill, it would come in very fast if I had money to pay for it, in procuring this I have advanced all the salt I had by me & drawn orders on the Stores in Town untill my Credit is on the Stretch. I must request you to lay Col^o Smiths letter before His Excellency & Council & I should be glad to have their instructions on the subject of it by return of Post as I expect him in Town on Sunday & it may save me a ride of 80 miles. I have no doubt of a supply of Cash as soon as possible, on its being speedy depends my