

own peace & the Quantity of Provisions I shall purchase. I suppose you have before this time the Particulars of our Defeat to the Southward, I am happy to understand it is not so bad as we were first taught to believe, but it is bad enough as it is. I dread to hear the Fate of some of my particular Friends. I am Your Obed^t h^{ble} Serv^t September 7

P. S. I have never rec^d the order on M^r Johns nor the Certificate I wrote to you for.

[Rich'd Dallam to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

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Sir The merchants in Baltimore Town wld not buy the Tob^o Your Excellency sent me unless Yould engage to deliver it there & clear it from the Assesm^t. As this was out of my Power I could do nothing with it, I have endeavour'd to Barter it for Beef or Wheat but have not yet been Able, I shall be glad to have some further orders about it.

[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr] September 7

Dear Sir I had the pleasure of receiving your kind favour on Tuesday last by M^r Jones together with a letter from the Council inclosing an order on the Collectors of our County for six thousand pounds.

I am very sensible of the necessity for the most speedy Efforts to supply our Army with provisions and you may be assured of my utmost exertions for the purpose, but I have been unfortunately prevented lately from making such as I intended by the Illness of my Brother in law M^r William Greenfield who lay at the point of death for near a fortnight past & I have been obliged to attend him day & night during the Time.

He is now on the Recovery but I find myself much Indisposed from the fatigue & anxiety I have suffered. However hope it will soon go off & flatter myself I shall shortly be able to give an Account of my success and expectations in purchasing

Some Wheat is already carried to Fitzhughs Mill & he is desirous to know how you would have it manufactured.

Inclosed is a note from him on the Subject and we wish to have directions immediately

[William Bayly Jr. Montgomery County to Gov. Lee]

September 8

Sir Your Excellency and the Council will Perceive by the Subscription List made by the General Assembly, that I subscribed 2000th Tob^o £225 Continental Currency and £3 Specia, as I apprehend you want this Tob^o and money to send to the Comisarys to Purchase Wheat and Beef, and as I am to furnish M^r Richardson with a