

September I shall from promises made me Collect in this County near 50  
 12 Beef perhaps more they are not yet in Sufficient order, by the middle of October I think they will do. Money is much wanted in this County Wheat is selling for £30 p<sup>r</sup> Bushell in this Cot<sup>y</sup> flower about £100 p<sup>l</sup> in Philadelphia those articles I can get none of unless I am permitted to give as high as the purchasers in the Delaware & Pensyl<sup>a</sup> deducting the Expense of transportation. an argument the people make use of is, that they ought to reap some advantage on account of their Situation being nearer the Market, therefore the great price of freight from the lower Co<sup>ty</sup>s in this State is saved, which if added to the price I offer wou'd be got If I can get money some wheat can be now got on Susquehanna for £25 to the amount of four or five thousand Bushells, which cannot be had without it, money I must have also for the Beef.

The new Emissions I shall meet with some difficulty at first in passing I have partly Contracted for 70 Barrells of old flower which only waits for an Inspection. it possible I shall immediately intorm you by the Post as that will be the readiest way I can send

Only let me have Cash and you may rest assuredly that no in-deavour shall be wanting in me to Comply with your request very largely, if a little addition could be made to the price of Wheat & Flower

Note I have just taken a ride thro this County in every Quarter of it

September [J. Randall Petersburg to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]  
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Sir I have just arriv'd here from Hillsborough where the Maryland Troops are encamp'd since the retreat from Camden. I am endeavouring to send them some Clothing and Stores, but find great difficulty in procuring Waggon I have waited on Governor Jefferson at Richmond and no plan can be fallen upon to get them here. I beg leave to propose to your Excellency to have provided as soon as Possible four or five Close cover'd Waggon with good horses and Drivers, for the purpose of transporting clothing and Stores to Camp, they may then be sent regular and Safe from Wet or Plunder from which the greatest Care on my part (hitherto could not prevent

Unless this method is adopted there is no probability of sending even the stores I now have on hand to the Troops who are in a distressed situation. The whole of their Baggage lost not even the Officers have a change of linnen. Inclos'd is a return of what I have on hand to send them. Likewise a list of the officers who have Receiv'd from me the Money advanced by the State. The Rapid March of the Troops in a country where no post is establish'd put it out of my power to send it sooner. The Balance of the Specie I have