

CORRESPONDENCE  
OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MARYLAND

LETTERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL

*January 1—December 31, 1781*

[Governor—Thomas Sim Lee: Councillors—Daniel Carroll, James Brice, Jeremiah Townley Chase, John Hoskins Stone and Samuel Turbutt Wright. On Jan. 25, 1781 Stephen West succeeded Daniel Carroll who was elected a Delegate to the Continental Congress. Thomas Sim Lee was re-elected Governor, November 19, 1781 and the Councillors re-elected, November 21, 1781 with the exception of Stephen West who was succeeded by Benjamin Canada Stoddert.]

[Rich'd Dallam, Annapolis, to Gov Lee]

January 1

By my endeavours to comply with your Excellencys Orders (to procure what wheat & flour in my power) I have been able to engage several Crops of Wheat on the Terms of paying the price the persons could get when paid. On promise that If I could not procure the money when wanting that I w<sup>ld</sup> relinquish my Bargain. Under these circumstances I have yet about three thousand Bush<sup>ls</sup> of wheat in my Power to obtain, if money can be had to pay for it.

Knowing the State of Your Treasury I have no expectation of getting money sufficient for the above purpose & having no hopes of any longer securing the wheat I have thought it necessary to give Your Excellency this Information and to request your Instructions that I may not hereafter be subject in any manner to answer for giving up these Contracts

The multiplicity of Your Business & the Trouble I have already given prevented my Application in Person, but as I wait till the morning for Your Excellences Answer Hope I shall be favoured with it

The Cattle I purchased is by Contract to be paid for in a few days, and I myself have no means to comply with the Contracts.

The flour made from the Wheat I received for Taxes & purchased with Certificates & new money I expect is forwarded by this time, except the small parcels of wheat received in Mills at a distance from navigation

I shall on my return apply myself to settling all my Accounts & bring them done in the best order I can as soon as possible

[Joseph Ford, Leonard Town, to Gov. Lee]

January 3

Your Excellencies letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of last month I Received this morning by Post and have to inform that the Quantity of Pork to be Purchased in St Mary's will be but small Five Thousand weight is as much as I expect to get and I may be disappointed in getting that