

March 7 the am^t of His wheat I received hoping by some way he w^{ld} be satisfied but he returned more uneasy not receiving any satisfaction when or how he might expect Payment nor even told whether my order w^{ld} be paid or not & as he was entitled to receive his money last fall when I bo^t his wheat & when even Gold was offered him down for it He still having the opportunity of getting the money wants The wheat returned as do others which I have received, I am allways distressed on acc^t of my Public Creditors & my Life is burdensome I am Persuaded that I have done all in my Power to serve the State and fear I am not as well attended to as others entrusted with like Business which adds to my uneasiness. The pay Given me could be no inducement it allways fell short of the real Expence And if I am not so fortunate as to give satisfaction I lose my reward If money can not be furnishd to satisfy my Creditors Who I can no longer put off I shall be glad to be directd to give up the flour & Wheat in my hands to Quiet them as I most devoutly pray for the freedom of my Country I have been obliged to do everything in my Power for her obtaining it otherwise I should before this withdrawn my Services & persued Business much more Agreeable & advantagous to my Private Interest.

If a State of my Purchases & delivery since my last returns will give the satisfaction wanting they shall be sent immediately on Notice My other Accounts I hope will be perfectd soon after my hurry is over in classing & draughting the Militia of this County

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[H. Hollingsworth, Elk, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee.]

The Inclosed I have made use of heretofore, which hath procur'd some provisions, shall now be obliged to Execute your orders of the 5th through disagreeable.

Cecil County, Maryland

The commissioners having this day received a letter from Col^o Henry Hollingsworth mentioning that he was applyed to by Col^o Donaldson Yeates D. Q. M. for a quantity of Provisions for a particular emergency, and requesting the Commissioners to give all the aid in their power to provide provisions for the aforesaid purpose and the commissioners receiving inteligence that a number of Continental Troops were expected at the Head of Elk on their way to the southward, think it their duty to request the Inhabitants of Cecil County to furnish as Speedy as possible at the Head of Elk M^r Baruch Williams commissary for Cecil County such provisions and Forage as they can possibly spare and all provision and Forage delivered to him before the departure of said Troops from the Head of Elk, shall be allowed and discounted out of the first collection of Tax imposed by the Act entitled an Act to receive the supplies for the year 1781 and M^r Baruch Williams is requested to give notice accordingly, as witness our hands this 28th day of February 1781

Jno. D. Thompson, Thomas Savin, Samuel Gilpen.