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[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert, to Gov. Lee.]

Since receiving your Instructions to purchase Beeff and Pork in this County I have made inquiry and find a considerable Quantity of both may be had. Pork not to exceed £3. hard money, some I believe for less and Beeff at fifty shillings hard money ʔ Hundred payable as you direct, but it is absolutely necessary that I should be furnished immediately with cash to pay for it, and Salt to cure it, as those who have for sale have been feeding some time, and am desirous of killing to prevent their destroying their corn in waste.

I have engaged some Pork and Beeff & have more promised, but Can't say what Quantity of salt may be necessary, twenty or thirty Bushells will perhaps be Sufficient for the present. However should there be more sent than I may have Occasion for, shall take particular care of it.

I must begg to be directed at what Exchange to pay the new Bills, and as my success in purchasing depends on having the Cash to lay down Hope I may be supplied by the Bearer hereof or some other safe Conveyance in the course of this week.

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[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to His Excel<sup>cy</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

(p<sup>r</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> Middleton)

In my letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> I inform'd you of the price I have given for beef and Pork which I hope will not be thought out of the way as it was what was and is giving here, I know not what are the prizes else where the quantities are as follows of Pork 6808<sup>lb</sup> of beef 7796 rec<sup>d</sup> and engaged perhaps may turn out a little more perhaps a little less. I shall be glad to know what to do with the lard and tallow the provision shall go off very soon; there is still wheat here for Sale the price is now about 27.10.0 some ask 30. I shall be glad to be instructed what to do with the Con<sup>t</sup> Money in my hands whether to go on in the purchase of beef and Pork or wheat and at what price nothing can be had unless I give as much as others. M<sup>r</sup> R<sup>d</sup> Earle desires y<sup>e</sup> Excel. to send by M<sup>r</sup> Bruff £1250 lent the State, I shall be glad to do that which will contribute most to the publick good.

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[Sam<sup>l</sup> Duvall, Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Charlton, Raphael Brook, Sam<sup>l</sup> Noland, Philip Mcconey, Edward Hall, Nicholas Dawson, William Jacobs, Richard Sheckles, Thomas Noland, Sam<sup>l</sup> Boone, John Johnson, Joseph Swearingen, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hanson, Rich<sup>d</sup> Richards, Jeremiah Belt 3<sup>d</sup>, George Schnertzel, William Meng, Peter Grosh, Nathan G. Thomas, Abraham Faw, Jacob Gomber, Sam<sup>l</sup> Price, Frederick County, to Gov. Lee] (p<sup>r</sup> Mr. Boone)

May it please your Excell<sup>y</sup> In consequence of an Act of the General Assembly to encourage the raising of a Voluntier Troop of Light Horse in each County we the subscribers have enrolled for the