

March 13 weather put in the hole of a Vessel, I am induced to mention the State provisions ready salted and packed in my hands which amount to more than the quantity desir'd, and as the division may stand in need of an immediate supply can be sent with greater expedition; and the seizure may still go on or stop as you judge best. I have a Vessel now Stop'd to carry it when you may order but as she has some wheat on board which must be again taken out and Stor'd if she is order'd to proceed with the provisions which may be attended with some loss to the owners of the wheat if there could come a State boat to Corsica it might do better. I have been applied to by the Millers employ'd in grinding for the State for the Tallow sav'd from the beef salted I should be glad to be instructed what to do with the tallow and hogs Lard. The Com^{rs} of the Tax as by Law directed have appointed places for the reception of wheat three Mills and three Grainrys, the Law directs all the wheat to be by me carried to the Mills in the Co^{ty} from the grainrys to be ground unless otherwise order'd by y^r Excel: the wheat delivered at the above grainrys if sent to the Mills here will cost the State double what it would sent to Elk as the cartage to and from the Mills would be at least twenty miles I therefore hope y^r Exc^l will order it to Elk as I wish to avoid every expence to the State. The express waits at Kent Island y^r Ex^{cys} Answer to the above which shall be executed by y^r Ex^{cys} Most ob^t h^{ble} Serv^t

[P. S.] Please to send an answer by M^r Rawling's Boatmen.

C. B.

March 13 [Peter Chaille Worcester County to Governor Lee]

I Rec'd your Letter 7 Express, dated in Council, Annapolis, seventh of March you may rest ashored I shall do everything in my power to procure the Provisions, you Call for from this County

March 13 [Joseph Dashiell, Wor. County, to Gov. Lee.] (By Col^o S. Handy
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We have bin much Infested here this Ten days last past with the Enemys Crusars, and I am happy to inform you, that we in this Quarter, made a very formidable & suckesfull resistance, but finding themselves unable to land any whare, but they could do it under Cover of their Cannon, run up to Vienna, on Saturday last whare a very few Militia Under Col^o John Dickinson, & Capt. Smoot repulsed their Barges in landing three times, abought which time, the Lieutenant of that County arived and ordered the Militia to retreat as I am told, & has made a Capitulation that in my Oppinion will Disgrace us, & Be attended with the worst of Consequences, but as I make no Doubt but you are fully advis'd of this matter by M^r Hooper, I shall say no more upon the Subject.

I rote you sum days ago by M^r McBryde, since which I have rec^d your favour of the 15 ult. Inclosing a warrant for B. Shockley, but as our Militia has bin in motion Ever since, I have not had time