

propositions of the Council, providing the transactions are as faithfully performed in France: I shall only add, that I rely entirely on your Excellency's promise; & I could wish you would strongly recommend to the next General Assembly, to pass such laws, as may ensure the means of complying with your part of the propositions on the arrival of the arms; that flour & tobacco good in quality, may be stored in the hands of proper agents, which must not be disposed of, for any other purpose whatsoever.

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Letter 29

[Jos^h Merriken, to Honour^e The Council]

March 16
½ after
4 o'clock

Gentlemen The Ships are Now Just below Sandy point and appear as if others were Coming too I have Twelve men only and they are badly Accoutred the men Complain badly as they have been on Guard this two days and have had no Rations tho we applied to M^r Crisall and he Refuses to Let us have any I shall be Glad to know what to do as it will be Impracticable to attempt to keep them together unless they are furnished with provision, it Could be had in the Neighbourhood if I had Authority from y^r Honours.

[James Sullivan, Com'y D. Coty., Dorchester Co^{ty} to Gov. Lee.]
(By Major Wright)

March 16
Red Book
No. 27
Letter 43

In consequence of your letter of the 7 Instant with what provision I have Rec^d for the present Assessment it is in my power to supply the 10,000^{lb} meat kind that you think will be wanted for the proportion for 30 days Consumption of 1500 Men under the Command of the Marquis De la Fayette

I would be glad to have your Instructions as soon as possible when the provision may be sent & in what manner you would choose to order the Beef on the Hoof as I have a large proportion of the above Quantity in that Article.

Your letter of the 10 of last month never came to hand untill the 28 wherein you request what provision that was purchased by the late Commissary might be sent to the head of Elk we then had the alarm here of the Enemy being up the bay thought it not safe to send it I would also be Glad to know if you would still want it sent to the head of the Bay

[Van Swearingen, Monongahela County, to His Excellency,
Thos Sim Lee.] (Fav^d by M^r Chaplin)

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Letter 42

A few days ago being at Fort Pitt was informed that Capt. Tawnyhill and Lieut Evins of Col^o Rawling's corps was reduced to half pay and ordered home, and knowing those Gentⁿ to be very useful in the Army and conceiving that your Excellency and Council might not be fully advised of the value of and the services those Gentlemen have rendered, having Taken the liberty to inform your Excellency of what I know of them, and as I am actuated by no other