

acquainted with his Duty as a Sea officer, but whose Integrity attachment and unexceptionable Character renders Him in our Judgment a Proper Person to carry it into execution. He proposes to build a Barge about 50 feet by the Keel, to carry about 60 men, and a 24 Pounder in her Head. He informs us he can Procure such a Gun that will weigh less than an 18 Pounder, and that such a Barge could be built for 150£ hard money. He further informs us that he will, without fee or Reward superintend the Building of such a Vessel if the Measure should be thought adviseable, and that he is of opinion he could procure the necessary hands if he could be furnished with the means of Punctual Payment. That this or some other Defensive Measure is necessary our Distresses clearly evince, and should your excellency and Council Judge such a Plan expedient we hope it will be adopted.

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[Chas. Blake, Queens Town, to His Excel: Tho<sup>s</sup> S. Lee Esquire] March 22  
(Favors of the Hon. Sam<sup>l</sup> Wright Esq<sup>r</sup>)

I have the honour to inform y<sup>r</sup> Excel: that the quantity of Meat desir'd in y<sup>r</sup> letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of this instant is obtain'd 2090 pounds of salt pork and bacon the rest beef on the hoofe except 1802 pounds of beef killed before I had intelligence of the Enimys Vessels, which is well salted. What remains on the hoofe I shall keep so till farther orders least it should spoil. I have about seventy barrels besides the above, reddy to send off when order'd. None of the provisions are on the water they are at three miles distance. The Vessel prest by y<sup>r</sup> warrant has gone off, and by information is taken, I hope when the Owner returns you will enable me to make an example of him to prevent others from doing the same

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Honb<sup>e</sup> The Governour March 22  
& Council.] (p Mr. Lansdale)

I did myself the honour to write you a few lines by Capt<sup>n</sup> Trueman two days agoe praying your instructions respecting the Beef which I seized in Consequence of your orders. I have with great labour and pains procured the quantity you requested, and am very anxious to have your directions respecting it, and pray you again to write me on the subject. My Demands for money is very great, and the people I have heretofore purchased of, complain of me very loudly, pray if its in your power furnish me with about 500£ State Currency. I am indebted about that sum I am very anxious to hear from you

[Rich'd Henderson, Bladensburgh, to Gov. Lee.]

March 22

The bearer M<sup>r</sup> Mungo Fairly, who I believe associated, but refused to swear to support the Independance of the State, expecting to pass the greatest part of his life where he was born, in Scotland,