

Her and her sons Wearing Apparel, Provisions reserved for the support of her Family, with her Bear Cloaths intire &c was taken from her. It is hoped a bare representation of this unfortunate event will avail with the truly Good & Great, and induce them to relieve the unhappy sufferer, by Contributing somewhat out of their abundance to alleviate her distresses To the Petitioner it is an Additional Agravation of Misfortune to be compelled to Implore Assistance. Nothing but dire Necessity could have Inféred and incited this method of Publickly calling on the Benevolent and Humane on this Occasion, not doubting but among such she shall find somewhat to recompence her losses and Gladen her aged Heart, every Benefaction will be received with thankfulness and gratitude.

[Baruch Williams, to His Excell^y Thomas Sim Lee, Esq] April 7

Cecil County Court meets on Tuesday next which occasions my Immediate return home I am sorry that I could not wait, but am in hopes Col^o Hollingsworth will answer the same end. My Account is settled with the Auditor, nearly all the Ballance is still due to Persons in the County who are in want of the money. I have left it with Col^o Hollingsworth by whom I wish the money may be sent. If I do not get it I am Certain that I shall not be able to Purchase any article on Credit again for the State.

If I am to Purchase Corn and Hay for the Post at Elk I shall want Money for that purpose.

[James Wood, Frederick Town to Gov. Lee.]

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I have been Honoured with your Letter of the 3^d Instant and immediately forwarded your Dispatches to Colonel Rawlings & M^r Sprigg since which Col^o Rawlings has been so obliging as appears to be very Different from what your Hon^{ble} Board seemed to Expect, and which the Colonel has Promised to represent the first opportunity. I find it altogether out of my Power to Procure a Sufficient sum of money to Bear the Expences of an Officer, Directed to be sent with the British officers to Connecticut, and have been obliged to make a merit of necessity, in allowing them to remain till the 25th in Order to adjust their Affaires, by which time, it is Probable your Treasury will be able to Comply with the requisition of Congress. An application has been made to me by a Surgeon Carroll to Permit him to go on a visit for a few Days to M^r Carroll's on Elk Ridge, which I have declined unless you shou'd think proper to signify your Approbation of it. Col^o Price, I am informed has Collected five or six Beeves, and as we are Greatly Distressed for meat, I hope your Excellency will Direct him to deliver them to the Issuing Commissary :