

sister States, but while they are so far short of those calls to which they must be pointed in the first instance, it would be great misapplication to divert them to any other purpose and I am persuaded your Excellency will think me perfectly within the line of duty in having asked from the Board of war a revival of this requisition.

[Dan'l Jenifer, Portobacco, to Gov. Lee.]

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I shall be glad that your Excellency will immediately send forward to this place 30 or 40 bushels of Allum Salt, as I have a prospect of 10,000<sup>t</sup> of pork and the like quantity of beef provided the salt arrives by the last of this week or the beginning of next your Ex<sup>cy</sup> will therefore be so obliging as to inform me what time it may be expected. The price I have promised for the pork is £240 p C<sup>t</sup> and for Beef 4 dollars p lb. the price for the beef they seem perfectly satisfied with. But some ask 300 for their pork. They are in these scarce times very fickle and must be coaxed as well as paid. The wheat I am about sending to George Town, and by your Ex<sup>cy</sup> to signify to whom it is there to be delivered. Shou'd I receive the quantity of pork and Beef which I have a right to expect I shall want more Cash, having paid (when last at Anna<sup>s</sup>) unto the treasury the Balance of the money recd upon Loan

P. S. I shall be glad to have a Box of the State Sugar if to be spared.

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

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I have received your Instructions to continue the purchase of wheat together with an order on the collector for 6000£ to enable me but fear tis not now to be got on the Terms I have purchased. The depreciation of the old money I'm informed has raised the price to thirty pounds p bushell, and as I have been limited heretofore must begg to be informed if I am to go higher.

I wrote last week requesting to be supplied with Cash to purchase pork & Beef and for Salt to cure it—if the money is not sent before this comes to hand, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Gray the Sheriff of our County who comes to Annapolis to settle with the Treasurer will take Charge of it for me.

M<sup>r</sup> Gray informs me he has a part of both the 10 p Cent & 15 p Cent collection still to make, and as some persons who have Pork or Beef to sell may prefer the old money to the new Bills, an order on him to enable me to pay those who may give that preference will be of Service to the purchase. Should it be determined to give me an order a less sum of the new Bills will answer.

I hope I shall be furnished with salt immediately & directions at what exchange to pay the new Bills