

January 3 Quantity, what I have purchased has been at Two Hundred Pounds, except Three Hundred at £150 And those who has for Sale talk of Asking a greater Price, there is some Beef to be had on the Hoof, and some in Quarters but the price Generally asked is too high to be given from Twenty five to thirty shilling a pound I think four or five Thousand weight may be laid in at them prices, I have purchased Four Hundred and Sixty Bushels of Corn at Twenty Dollars, no contracts can be made for corn to be delivered a time Hence, Pay and Receive sums to be the desired mode continental money or Tobacco of new Inspection Is wanted in payment, but I expect the tone shortly will be turned to the new Bills, there is not less than Twenty Thousand Bushels of corn to sell In S^t Mary's County and I think If I had money or Tobacco I could Purchase four or five Thousand Bushels at Twenty Dollars or seventy five pounds of Tobacco p^r Barrell But it must be done directly I will endeavor to keep the cooper close at work I have fifty or Sixty Bushels of good allum Salt that I purchased for the Public, Better than Two years ago, If I may make use of that I shall not want any sent. The enemies Barges so closely watches Patuxent and Potomack Rivers that I have thought it too dangerous for to send forward my supplies I am entirely out of money. If I could be supplied with £10,000 continental money & £250 of the new Bills with an order on the Sheriff in case I should want I think the purchases may be carried on Here

P. S. Geo. Leigh will deliver this by him is a good oppertunity to send money

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[Rich'd Dallam, Balt. Town, to Gov. Lee.]

Since I came to this place I find that I may be able to secure about 12 or 1500 Bush^{ls} of Wheat by being supplied with new money therefore if your Excellency thinks proper I should be glad to receive by the Bearer M^r John Dallam a sum sufficient for that purpose, I can also raise about 10,000£ Continental If Your Excellency w^{ld} give me an Order for M^r Dorsey to deliver me six or Seven Boxes of Sugar to be charged me at the price he sells for All which to be charged me on acc^t of my Late purchase for the State. I wait Here for the return of the Bearer

January 5

[Geo. Murdock, to Governor Lee]

Col Crockett has rec^d Letters from the Gov^r of Virg^a to Col Wood advising that no supplys of any kind can be expected from that State for the Convention Troops here, they having our Southern Army in great measure to furnish as well as the Hessians now at Charlotte Ville—I am collecting Beef here in small quantitys daily, and hope to prevent any want for Ten days or a Fortnight to come. but I am much distres'd for want of Cont^l Money, as the Stupidity of the people with regard to the new cant as yet be Removed. If