

May 6 nished with some Spirituous liquor to be given generally, in such a manner as you think proper. We have got about eighty young men together, and I am fully convinced will render service to their Country adequate to the expence, and as it has been a work of time to collect them, It would be attended with bad consequences, shuld they be wanted to discharge them. Our peculiar situation makes it at this time in my opinion improper, for the draft directed by the Assembly to be made, and as they will meet shortly, till then, I could wish, you would suspend it, in this County, of which be kind enough to inform me, as I shall let the matter rest untill I hear from you,

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[Certificate of Jn<sup>o</sup> C. Jones, C. D. C.]

I hereby Certify that Major General Smallwood myself & a Waiter with our horses were put over the Ferry at South River this 6. May 1781

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[Henry Schnebely, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Town, to the Council.]

From among the twelve horses which you ordered under my care, one died ab<sup>t</sup> five days after they came to my house, another Died ab<sup>t</sup> 6 weeks ago in very good order. one of them tired on the way about 20 miles on this Side of Annapolis which I ordered to be taken care of & sent up if he sho<sup>d</sup> recover but have not heard from him Since another became blind a few weeks ago tho appears able to render some Service, the rest are in good Working order, as it will be inconvenient for me to keep them any longer beg you will direct me by M<sup>r</sup> Clagett what to do with them, if it is necessary I can provide Harness for them & have them shod, your directions respecting these horses will much oblige—

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[Wm Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

This will be handed you by M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Hayward, who has been so unfortunate as to loose his all & more, by the enemys cruisers, he says he could submit with fortitude to his own Loss, but that he should be deprived of the means of paying his Just debts, & occasion the ruin of innocent people is intollerable. He has been informed that the Captain who made prize of his Vessell out of compassion to his distressed circumstances will restore him his salt, provided, he can find any mode to send for it, he therefore proposes petitioning your honble board, for permission to go down on that business. I believe him to be a very honest man & that he will not do any thing to injure his country, if he is indulged on this head, and further think, you may confide in him & that he may probably render you some Service, by procuring intelligence.