

[W. Smallwood, Charles County, to Gov. Lee.] (favored by
Ensign Arthur)

May 8
Brown Book
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This will be addressed by Ensign Arthur of the 4th Maryland Regiment, in which he acted as a Volunter from the 17th June last, under promise of a Commission, but has not obtained it—owing to his having been ever since with the Southern Army.

He claims his Rank from the above Date, and stands arranged from that Time upon the new Establishment & now waits on your Excellency to obtain an Order for the Quantity of Stores and cloathing he may be entitled to, which you will be so obliging to order for him.

We have no news in this Quarter. The Enemy's Ships left Patowmack about four Days ago The Inhabitants have been much alarmed, and have removed most of their Property from the water side. there has been nothing short of a State of confusion here for some time past, but the People are now getting settled again

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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Red Book
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I am inform'd that M^r Dorsey has receiv'd an order for a Considerable sum of Money on the Collector of this County. I therefore take the liberty to apply & beg that I may have an order if Money is not in the Treasury either on the Collector of Harford or Frederick County, I Have not been troublesome to you knowing the want of the State, or if your Excell^y will give me an Order on M^r Calhoun for the flour, say as near as I can at present guess 350 Bb^{les} It would be a quicker & much more advantageous Mode for the State as to settling that Business. I will in that Case give up my Commissions on that quantity, M^r Bowley will deliver this—he is a party Concern'd & will receive either the order for the Money or flour, I flatter myself I may be Certain of one or the other, The State of the Bay has been such as made it Imprudent to bring up the remainder of the flour, I Have now sent for it & shall expect it every Day, all the acco^{ts} are ready for settling in order to prevent Disputes & alterations arising. It will be well for your Excell^y to appoint one person properly Capable I will appoint another before whom I will lay the papers & let them settle the general average this will prevent any reference hereafter, M^r Bowly will give you any other Information you may want.

M^r Griffith has 90 Bb^{les} flour in his Possession which was sent to the State I should be glad to receive an order for it

I enclose three Commissions

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Honb^{le} The Governor
& Council.] (By Capt. Bowie) May 9

My necessity for a sum of Money to Transact the business I am intrusted with, is so great that I cannot refrain from repeating my