

May 17 [John Murdock, Montgomery County, to the Governor
and Council.]

If it be possible for you to send five or six Suits of Cloathing, of different Sizes, for some of the Recruits now in George Town. I think it would greatly forward Matters; and the sooner they come the better as they might March immediately to Annapolis.

I find that some of the Recruits are not willing to leave the County, until they have received their Cloathing; This unwillingness, as far as I can learn, has been occasioned by the good Offices of some busy meddling Persons, which now renders it indispensably necessary to comply with the Law in that Respect

The Draughting in this County was finished on Tuesday last, and I shall transmit you a List of the Recruits and Draughts as soon as possible.

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

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I received a letter from the president of the Council dated the 4th Instant informing me that I should Immediately be furnished with Barrells and Salt to secure the provisions I have on hand—having neither received or heard anything of them since, I take the liberty of writing once more requesting that I may be supplied without delay, or it will be Impossible as the warm weather increases to save the provision Beef especially, altho I have taken every precaution & used a great deal of Salt to preserve it—tis all in large Casks & I cannot get Barrells or small Casks here to put it in. I think I shall want about 24 Barrells could wish to have as soon as I receive them the whole removed, and flatter myself I shall have orders for that purpose.

May 18 [George Dashiell, Som^t Co^{ty}, to Gov. Lee.]

May it Please y^r Excell^{cy} I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 24th of Ap^l with the inclosures and also M^r Brices of the 14th It has some time since become impracticable to Attempt the removal of the inhabitants from the Islands without Arm'd Vessels. Hollands Island is the enemy's place of rendezvous—relative to the recruits their is not one in the County. Many of our people have lately left the County and it is generally believed Join'd the enemy. From the disaffection which prevails among the inhabitants of the county, it is not in my power to Collect a Sufficient force to prevent the ravages of the barges and I have not a doubt but in a little time our situation will be intolerable unless some mode can be fall on to compell the Militia to render their services when required.

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[Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

Your Excellency will receive enclosed, the Copy of a Resolve of the 17th Instant, recommending to the several Legislatures to enact