

I have Inclosed an account of the amount of all the different Species of Provision received in this Country for the present year on account of Public Tax May 26

Shou'd have come down myself in order to have settled all my accounts Finally but I cannot leave the garrison at Present but I shall come down as soon as possible. I have not seen Collⁿ Wood since I left Annapolis but shou'd he continue to direct the Prisoners in this State—Your Excellency will be pleased to excuse my not acting at This Post. The Dayly Issues of Flour at present here is about one Thousand weight, if this shou'd continue for any time there will not be much Flour to spare From this County. I shall acquaint your Excellency from time to time of the Consumption

[John Reed, Fred^k Town, to Gov. Lee.]

May 27

I am to Inform your Excell^y that the men now Guarding the Magazine at this place are reduc'd to the last extremity for want of Cloaths & shou'd they not receive an immediate supply will be rendered altogether incapable of Sentry; from which Circumstances, & if the State of Stores wou'd possibly admit, should be happy to obtain your Excell^y order for the following articles or any part that can be procured to relieve their present necessity, in fact I'm asham'd of their shabby appearance.

Am Sorry to Inform your Excell^y that we are now suffering for provision of the meat kind nor have we the least prospect of being speedily relieved in that way—as nothing can be purchased here without Hard money—paper money being Generally refus'd. I hope the defect will soon be remedy'd.

M^r Murdock has furnished me with shoes, shou'd be Glad he was authorized & unable to supply me with the rest.

12 Coats, 12 Jacketts, 20 pair Overalls, 40 Shirts, 12 Hatts.

[W. Smallwood, Charles County, to Gov. Lee.] (favor'd by Mr. Dent)

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I am particularly obliged to you for transmitting the Letters which came under cover of your favor of the 18th Inst. this must have been delayed on the Road as it only came to hand two Days ago. I am happy to hear the Assembly were like to convene of which by this Time there certainly can be no doubt and I shall do myself the Pleasure of waiting on them this week.

Camden still continues to be an unfortunate Place for us I am sorry for the Event & that better Intelligence was not obtained & greater precaution used this Place seems to have an attraction in precipitating measures to our disadvantage. The Account you were so obliging to transmit does not altogether correspond with the one I have received