

June 1 [And. Buchanan, Balt. Co^{ty} to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r]

Its Probable in the course of this summer their will be something for the Mil^{tia} to do if so it will be necessary to have some Person appointed to be an Inspector of the Brigade of this County when in Actual Service this officer will rank as Lieu^t or Ensign in the Mil^a as M^r Hamilton is well acquainted with this duty I hope he will be Authorized to Act in that Station

June 1 [Joshua George A. D. Q. M. George Town, Potomack, to Gov. Lee.] (Fav^d by M^r Murdock)

I embrace this opportunity to inform your Excellency that I came to this Post early in April as Assistant deputy Quarter Master under the appointment of Col^o Donaldson Yeates & as such apply'd to M^r Thomas Beale for the Commissary Stores in his possession, his answer to me was that he thought he woud not be justifiable in delivering them without orders from the Governor & Council and that he would write to the Governor concerning it, as he has not received any answer they still remain with him. If Your Excellency thinks it necessary you will please give M^r Beale orders respecting them. M^r Beale informs me there is about nine hundred or a Thousand Barrels of Flour in Town & between two & three hundred Barrels at a Mill some distance of that he has not more then Eight or nine hundred weight of Salt provision and no live Stock, this I thought my duty to inform your Excellency of that you might give such orders to the State agents with respect to the deposit of the Stores as you may judge most proper.

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[Sam. Huntington, President, In congress, to Gov. Lee]

I am directed to inform you that Congress have received undoubted intelligence both from their Minister at the court of Versailles, and the minister of france in America by order of his court, that the courts of Vienna & Petersburg have offered their mediation to the belligerent powers for the reestablishment of peace. That these overtures had been eagerly embraced on the part of Great Britain. That France had declined her full acceptation thereof until the concurrence of her allies could be obtained for that purpose, at the same time observing that should she again be pressed on this head she would be obliged to enter into a previous plan of negotiation conditionally for her self & allies. That Spain had answered in such manner to the proposals of the mediating powers as to shew her eventual acceptance. The intervention of such formidable powers will undoubtedly prove an event the most favorable to these United States, if by a great & timely exertion we sufficiently reduce the force of the enemy now operating in our country. But should languor and inaction Subject us to the contempt of the negotiators all the consequences will be chargeable upon ourselves.