

absence to the Commanding Col<sup>o</sup> 10 barrels of flour and bought June 3  
 some Sheep the Salt provisions being all gone. There are quantities  
 of Bacon to be had in this Co<sup>ty</sup> for Cash which I have very little of,  
 not enough to settle with the Millers and Waggoners. I mention the  
 bacon for y<sup>r</sup> Excel<sup>cy</sup>'s information where it may be now had it may  
 not long be the case

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore to the Governor and Council.] June 3  
 (Honoured by Col. Smith)

I understand there is great reason to expect it will become neces-  
 sary to call out a number of the Militia for the defence of the State  
 or the assistance of Virginia, consequently a considerable quantity  
 of Provisions will be wanted, and as none of the Meat kind is col-  
 lected by the Commissaries on this Shore, we will be in a very dis-  
 agreeable situation for want of that article unless some mode is now  
 adopted to procure the necessary supplies.

It has been with the greatest difficulty that I have supported this  
 Post for some time past from day to day with Meat, by advancing  
 my own money and making use of my credit both of which is nearly  
 exhausted and not a days provisions of the meat kind on hand When  
 this is my situation where the Issues has been but little more than  
 100 Rations p day what will it be should they amount to some  
 thousands, Besides in all probability General Washington will move  
 this way with the greatest part of the Army and depend upon this  
 State for considerable supplies

Under this Idea I presume Your Excellency and Council will read-  
 ily excuse me for making this representation and as the General  
 Assembly is now Sitting will have some regular plan adopted for  
 procuring the supplies of Meat necessary.

[W<sup>m</sup> Hopewell to His Excellency Thomas Simm Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>] June 3

Inclosed your Excellency will receive this my Commission Which  
 I beg leave to resign for the following Reasons—  
 first I find from long Experience I cannot act under the Present  
 County Lieu<sup>t</sup> as friendly as I could wish, Secondly there still remains  
 a dispute between Colonels Handy & Done with myself respecting  
 Rank my Commission being several Months Older than those Gen-  
 tlemens, and most Cincerely wish to Avoid making the Least discen-  
 sion among the Officers here, & Thirdly three Companies of my  
 Battalion is so far distant that it is Impossible for me upon every  
 little Alarm that frequently happens here to Collect them together  
 in time, & when got together I am Thoroughly Convinced the  
 greatest Part cannot be depended upon, Your Excellency may rest  
 Assured that my Personal service shall always be ready to be given  
 under any brave & resolute Officer when there shall be the Least  
 Necessity for it.