

June 20 directions respecting them. Should have sent Samples, but an Opportunity offering for Quick Passage and my being a distance from Them Prevented me but should they be wanted will inclose them in a Letter immediately.

June 20 [Edw'd Gaither Jun'r, Elk Ridge, To James Brice Esq'r Lieu^t of Ann Arundel C^{ty}.] (Fav^d by Capt. Stevens)

Please to have the following Person's Commission'd for Cap^t Charles Whites Company of Militia, Thomas Ijams, Second L^t Henry Dorsey (of Joshua) Ensign. for Cap^t Vach^t Stevens Company Benjamin Hood first L^t

The following drafted Persons are not to be found; their Familys say they dont know where they are—Aaron McKenzie—William Beachman John Brown (shoemaker) John Fitgency (at Elk Ridge Land^g) has armed himself and says he will die in his house before he'l goe to Arm^s Please to write me what's to be done

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

I have in consequence of my appointment used my utmost endeavours to procure cloathing &^{ca} for the Troops, but have met with very little success. The only person I can find in the County who has any of the articles enumerated for sale is M^r James Stone, and he has only about 70 or 80 yards of course Linnens such as I think may answer—this I have seized, but as M^r Stone's sole dependance is on a small trade he carries on from this Place to Baltimore Town, and he has lately lost Twenty hogsheads of Tobacco taken by the Enemy, I am really sorry to distress him, should be therefore very glad this seizure might be dispensed with, especially as the advantage arising from it to the State will be trifling in proportion to the Injury he may sustain as an Individual unless he could be Immediately paid for the goods—being at a loss to know what is allowed for such Linnens, I have Inclosed Samples of the different kinds with the prices he has fixed on them, and must beg for directions—(If I am to keep them) what price to allow him.

I much fear the meat provisions I have on hand belonging to the State will be lost for the want of Barrels and Salt neither can be got here on any Terms. I have expected them for sometime past from Annapolis, but am afraid they have been forgot in the hurry of Business.

Could they be landed on Herring Bay (provided tis not convenient to Land to Patuxent) I would Immediately have them carted over—this I flatter myself may be Done shortly as I am anxious to save the provision, and think there is no other Chance for it.