

as Enough has been provided In a manner more Agreeable, I trust my request will be Granted, and I flatter myself its needless to mention that the proprietors of the Goods in Question have on all Occasions Contributed with pleasure as far as their ability would permit to the public Service had the Goods been here wou'd have sold them with pleasure for the purpose intended, but the manner they are Now Situated, it will be attended with manifest disadvantage holding them from us, request your attention to this business and hope you'll Excuse the trouble Given you—the letter herewith please forward M^r Campbell first Conveyance, by post, if None other offers the packet by a safe & private hand

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[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr, In Council.]

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And please your Excellency & Honours Flattering myself (ere now) that the Legislature has fallen on some mode to enable their Servants to execute their orders, from which consideration duty obliges me as one of them, to acquaint your Excellency and Honours of my situation, circumstance and necessitys, at the time I had the honour of being appointed by the Honourable Legislature to superintend the collecting, cureing & delivering the specific supply of provisions of the Eastern shore, it did not appear to me (nor do I believe it did to the Honourable Legislature) that I was to handle any money, or have any thing to do with the expence of forwarding the provisions, this I understand was to be done by the County commissarys, they were to forward their provisions to me, and were to pay all freights waggonage &c—had this continued to be the case I should have been happy in receiving no money, as I should have wanted none, or had very few disbursements, a little coopering, cask nails, and a few trifling expenditures, would have been all that I should been at, but as the case now stands tis very difficult, I am to be at the expence of forwarding all the provisions from Snow Hill upward which tis not in my power to do without being enabled by your Excellency & Honours, the last Brigade of waggons that I sent down refused to go unless I would pay them in something permanent, I thought Corn an Article that the state could easiest furnish and of course engaged to pay them six bushels of corn p day by which a considerable saving was made to the State, as waggonage then here was from 15/ to 17/6 p day (hawling private property, and be paid once a week) I acquainted your Excellency & Honours of this, and understood it approved of £500 State money was sent me to defray the expence of this Service, it did no more then pay for their forage, while on the service I contracted with M^r Tilghman (through M^r Abram Falioner) for two thousand Bushels of Corn, which I promised myself would assist to defray the Expence of this hauling apart of which I received and as Col^o Yeates was in great difficulty for forage, and I