

[Robt F. Hooe, Alexandria, to Gov. Lee.]

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Letter 44

The bearer M^r Johnston Smith waits on your Excellency for two Twelve Pound Cannon, Six barrells Cannon Powder and as much Match Rope and Cannon Cartridge Paper as you can spare. if he cannot bring the 12 Pounders we have desired him to take the nines. It is unnecessary for him to bring shot, as we can be furnished with all sizes at fredericksburgh. I have not yet heard from Col^o Lewis therefore conclude nothing material has happen'd since I wrote you last.

We shall be glad of some Grape shot if they can be spared

[William Matthews, Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] January 23

Some time past I had the Honour of informing your Excellency that the Bank in Philad^a had appointed Smith & Matthews their Agents here to purchase Flour for the Army, We in consequence have purchased large quantities on their Account, and forwarded by much the greater of it at times when I will venture to say it was eminently and critically usefull, There are still several parcels on hand one of which of 100 Bbls is I find stopped at the Head of Elk by certain Commissioners acting under a late law of this State. This Law, as I am just return'd from Philadelp^a I have not been able to obtain a sight of but cannot suppose it can possibly mean to prevent supplys going to the Army. I must therefore (if consistent with the Law) Pray your Excellency would please to favour me with such powers as will at least enable me to send in the Flour already bought before the season sets in so as to prevent its reaching the Army

[Hopkins, Wilson & Moore, Baltimore to Gov. Lee.]

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Please to pay M^r Joseph Cowman Jun^r or order Three thousand Pounds & charge the same to Acco^t of Your m^o Humb^l Servant.

[Geo. P. Keeport, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.] (Fav^d By Mr. D. Poe)

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Letter 3a

May It Please Your Excell^{cy} I am Sorry to Inform you that the Storm Last Night Sunk a Scow along side of the Wharf at Fort Whetstone Point in about 10 feet Water on board of Which I had unfortunately one Eighteen and Two Nine pounders the Scow Lays Near the Wharf so that the Raising of it will be Easy and no Great Expen^{ce} If the Weather shou^d Moderate. The Only Place we have to Take off the Cannon from the Fort is so Very Inconvenient that it is Impossible for us to do anything Without the Wind and Tide Permits.

I Wrote Your Excell^{cy} the 21st Ins^t By M^r Eavans Wherein I have Mentioned my Distress and Impossibility of Having any More work Done without a Supply of Money