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[T. Donnellan, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

Am Return'd from Philadelphia and ready to Execute your Excellencys Commands respecting the Recruits to be raised here.

Some have been offered me within this day or two, but being ignorant of what they shou'd be furnished with, the want of Money to purchase any thing for them and not knowing by what measure Barracks is to be had, have declined the Matter untill I Receive your Excellencys orders about it—w^{ch} shall be carefully attended to

[Sam Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee]

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Yesterday Evening late I rec^d your Excell^{ys} orders of the 9th and in Consequence I this Morning proceeded to the Execution. M^r Keeport has Two Cover'd waggons nearly ready, Coll Adams is already provided with one which I presume is the third wanting If it is not, another will be ready Shortly, I Have Secur'd four open waggons, about Half worn, but perfectly fit for the road & am in Hopes to get the other there this week. The Horses may be sent up on Monday. The Necessity of providing the waggons oblig'd me to exceed your orders. No person will sell for New Money untill they first know what Credit it will have, I have therefore Engag'd that the owners shall be satisfied.

All the Tobacco now in my possession is order'd up to Philad^a or Sold. I Have yet rec^d none from Bladensburg, but this Day waggons have gone for it, 109 H^{hds} arriv'd at Elk sometime past for acco^t the State, 78 are now on their way & the remainder Sold at such prices as will nearly equal the N^t pro: of that gone Philad^a; except that to M^r Gillmore, which was with your Hon. Boards approbation & was a Sale of Expediency, In no Instance have I sold for Less than double what the planter sells at. Circumstances made those sales unavoidable, they were advantageous & I am certain when my acc^{ts} are laid before you, they will meet with approbation, M^r Gillmore abated 6^d p yard in the Linens, It not proving of proper Quality. I Have by making proper payment establish'd a Credit & I now Can buy Cheaper than any Individual. I Bo^t 1200 yds Linen a few Days past of excell^t quality, much Superior to M^r Gillmores (which was after the abatement Cost 4/9) at 4/ p yard—and oznaburgs my property seiz'd from M^r Walker in Marlborough. I am allow'd 3/ p yard for, these Seizures distress & Sour the people, they ruin the finances & do not expedit the Service, It is Impossible for me to lay a State of my Expenditures before your Excell^y Imm^y Tradesmen's Bills, freights, M^r Keeports acco^{ts} & numberless Small Charges will prevent its being accurate. Of this be assur'd that the Tedious returns from Philad^a has oblig'd me to be in advance six Hundred pounds specie, & be also assur'd that the wants are such that at no Time will it be in my power to be otherwise than in advance. Almost all the