

[Wm Hemsley, Queen Anns County, to Gov. Lee.]

July 12

Enclosed you have the affidavits of four of the Draughts, the others shall be sent as soon as the people can get notice it being harvest every man has been so engaged they cou'd not leave home.

There are not more than four Draughts but what will claim the exemption under the Law, and those being single men I believe have run away into the Delaware State.

I shall be much obliged for the Direction of the Council about receiving the 4/ tax I am at a loss to know at what Exchange to receive the paper money, for in common transactions between man & man, it does not pass at all. When I left Ann^s the Exchange was Six for one and the Commissioners of the Tax having Settled it at three, the people think it hard that I wont take it at that. A report prevails here that you intend suspending the Draught ordered by the last law. I have not heard of any Officer being sent to this County to recruit. Are the persons excused from Marching who were draughted in April, to be classed & draughted again? I cannot think the mode of draughting the men will ever procure them.

[Sam. Hodgdon, C. G. M. S., Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

July 13

By perticular request of M^r Carroll I inclose an Invoice of Muskets, Bayonets, and Cartouch Boxes, forwarded this day address'd to M^r Keepot, in Baltimore, for the use of the State of Maryland, five hundred stand more are under Order, which will, be forwarded, as soon as circumstances will possibly permit—the demand for Arms from all quarters, being very pressing, will unavoidably prevent their coming on, as soon as I could wish—but you may rest assured, that not a Moments unnecessary delay shall be made—when ready I shall do myself the honor, of giving you notice, that you may know when to expect them.