

January 24 of an Officer with the Establish'd pay I will therefore undertake to engage a person and fix his pay in proportion to his service. The Good of the Publick service the Ease of the Inhabitants of this County and my own Interest has induced me to make this representation tho done in part

January 24 [Joseph Ford, Saint Mary's County, to Gov. Lee]

Your Excellencies letter by M^r Leigh I Received Accompanied with Two Hundred and fifty pounds of the New Bills and should have answered it before this but no oppertunity I am fearfull I shall not make up a number of Steers worth Sending to Frederick having Purchased only four, and but little prospect of geting any more then I shall not send without Orders. New Tobacco of good weight sells here for fifty Pounds with an Allowance of 4 p C^t for cask I dont Believe any person with us can buy a quantity and pay the money Immediately I shall not make up the quantity of Pork I had an expectation of when I wrote last having lost a Crop of Twelve Hundred weight for want of Continental money I have purchased upwards of fifteen Hundred Bushels of Corn at Twenty dollars & can Purchase a large quantity at that I am told that M^r Jenefer can lay in corn much cheaper in Charles County I have laid out what money I Received by M^r Leigh in Beef, Pork and corn I have paid for and Receiv'd upwards of Two Thousand weight of Pork and have engaged about Fifteen hundred weight more which If I had money to pay for would be all I should have an Occasion for Unless it should be thought advisable to continue the Purchase of corn in that case a Sum Sufficient to pay for Three Thousand Bushels may be sent I am indebted Six Thousand weight of Tobacco and have advanced Seven Thousand Eight Hundred on Account of the Horses I purchased and the corn I fed them with should it be convenient I should be Glad that sum of Tobacco may be sent by this oppertunity, the Tobacco I paid was of good weight and new and this I owe I promised it should be new and of good weight

[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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M^r Poe informs me that he has not any money in his hands for the use of the Q^r masters department at this post, in consequence of which I have directed him to wait on your Excellency in order to procure a loan of State money to enable him to execute the duties of his Office. The stores ordered for the Southern Army generally come thro this place, and without money in this department the Transportation must stop here, to the great injury of the public Service. I shall write M^r Yates immediately p Express to procure an order from the Board of Treasury for Money for this purpose and if the State of your Treasury will admit of a temporary relief to us you can be reimbursed out of this order.