

especially such as are within the descriptions of the Act—I have procured and passed five Horses for light Horse, some of them low in flesh but hope to have them in good condition in Ten days or a fortnight, and will either send them to Annapolis or deliver them elsewhere, as it may be thought proper to direct me.

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Have as yet got only four draught Horses but expect the other two in a few days.

I took the Gear with only one Horse the Proprietors of the others having none worth taking.

These Horses are also low in flesh and will require some time to recover, However think the whole will be fit for use in a fortnight some of them in less time.

This Collection has been rather disagreeable, as the people parted from their Horses with great reluctance in general. I have in every case regarded the ability & convenience of Individuals to furnish Horses, and altho I might by a different line of Conduct have procured some better I flatter myself those I have got will be found good Serviceable Horses, and will answer the purposes for which they are Intended.

[Stephen Steward to the Council.]

I am going to send a Captain and Hands to the Head of Great Choptank for a vesell we have lying there wee are oblige to arm her to Get her over, wee are In want of a few Musket balls which I should be obliged to you to lend me about 30 musket Balls two Quire of Cartrig Paper and a Dozen of gun flints

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[Henry Hooper Lt. Dor. Coty, Dorchester County, to Gov. Lee] July 24

In Consequence of a late Act of Assembly for raising two Battalions in this State, We have enlisted by voluntary Enrollments seventy Recruits, and three by adjudication as Vagrants, which have been delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Robertson Stevens appointed by your Excellency to receive them. We are yet wanting three to make up the Quota for this County, whether it will be necessary to draught the Militia for so small a Deficiency provided they cant be enlisted voluntarily in a short Time, I shou'd be glad of receiving your Excellency's Directions. Godfrey Sullener is also sent with the other Recruits a substitute for a certain James Griffith an infirm man draughted in May last—inclosed are Depositions against a certain John Broughton apprehended as a Spy who is also sent under the Care of M<sup>r</sup> Stevens to your Excellency. A List of Vacancies in the lower Battalion will be handed to your Board by Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Jones that new Commissions may be made out.

P. S. See Bundle of Informations ag<sup>t</sup> disaffected Persons