

August 5 we can Man her, with Volunteers. If Gen. Smallwood will Come up
 Red Book Immy I will Engage for 800 Men from my Battalion. The Balt.
 No. 27 Troop & Forrest Com^y a Body of Eighty Horse all well Mounted
 Letter 127 & equiped, the Militia will willingly Come in & Ere the Enemy comes
 up we might be sufficiently strong to risk an Action. I once before
 explaind to your Excell^y how defensible Nature has made this place,
 But there must be Regulars to form to, without them we shall like the
 Virginians let the Enemy ravage our Country without firing a
 Shott—without them the Townsmen will not think of defence, with
 them they will shew themselves Marylanders, your Excell^y agrees
 with me on a former occasion, That Anapolis was not defensible.
 This place which is according to Information their Destination, may
 be defended. We have no Commander, Gist lays ill in Bed

Money must be sent to the different departments. I beg that seven
 Hundred & fifty pounds may be sent to me p Bearer. Perhaps the
 present occasion may give it a Curr^y I Have expended nearly the
 whole I Have receivd. I Have order'd Waggon for the public Stores,
 has your Excell^y determin'd on a Spot to receive them, if you have
 pray let me know p return of the Bearer.

August 6 [Alex'r Crawford, Harford County, to Gov. Lee.]

This is to Inform your Excellency that M^r George Patterson, the
 Collector of Horses for Harford County, has resigned; and I am
 Appointed by the Lieutenant of said County. I have Accordingly
 with, very great Difficulty Collected Seven Light Horses—nine Wag-
 gon Horses, and one Waggon, I have also Varied appraisers in almost
 every Instance, yet find the prices of Horse to exceed all reason. Light
 Horses is Valued at Seventy, Eighty and ninety pounds, and one even
 to One Hundred and Thirty, Waggon Horses in proportion, upon
 these Considerations, I want your Excellencys Orders, whether or not
 I shall proceed to Collect the few remaining Horses at such prices,
 being Confident that if real Cash was paid for Horses they might be
 procured much Cheaper than for Certificates.

August 6 [Joseph Ford to Gov. Lee.]

I Enclose your Excellency An Account of the Expences in collect-
 ing and driving ninety five Steers to George Town, which If it should
 appear to be Right I hope your Honble Board will give An Order for
 Payment the Twenty Pounds that I Received when I was at An-
 napolis last being nearly exhausted in procuring Provisions and
 Necessaries to forward the Draughted men Returns of which shall
 be made up to the last of this month.

M^r Mills who had charge of the drove and drovers will have
 the Honor of delivering this and will Receive and forward the Bal-
 lance of the Account that is not due him to me immediately