

August 6 prevented from getting the other two by the Indisposition of my  
 Red Book Family with the flux, this has also prevented my collecting the Beef  
 No. 27 Cattle required, and my being under the disorder prevents my now  
 Letter 128 going after them However have a deputy out and expect to have a  
 Quantity Collected this week ready to send up if the weather will  
 permit—at present tis to violently Hot twill be Impossible to drive  
 them, in the day especially, but you may be assured I will have them  
 up as soon as possible

August 6 [George Stricker, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.]  
 Red Book

No. 27 I Received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'Clock this afternoon Requesting  
 Letter 129 me to forward Immediately all the Waggon and Teams Collected  
 by me to Anapolis without Delay you are not unacquainted with the  
 Delivery of all the Draft Horses and Giers which I had in my Pos-  
 session Agreeable to your Letter Bearing Date the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and  
 Complied with on the 2<sup>d</sup> of August for which I have John Bullings  
 the Quarter Masters Receipt. I have Only the Troop Horses Re-  
 maining in my hands to the Number of fourteen which are at Your  
 Service when Called on

NB. I could have wished to have Been Impowered to seize a Num-  
 ber of waggons sufficient for your Releif which I would have got  
 without Delay

August 7 [M. Gist, Baltimore, to His Excellency Governor Lee.]  
 Brown Book

No. 3 I had the honor, some months ago to lay before you, my In-  
 Letter 73 structions from Major General Greene vesting me with Command  
 in this State. The execution of the several duties required in those  
 Instructions naturally subjected me to unavoidable expences, and was  
 necessarily drawn from my private stores which is now, and has  
 been for some time reduced to a few shillings.

To add to the mortification of the humiliating situation, I find  
 myself largely indebted for the support of my Table, and am daily  
 Dun'd by a Train of Butchers, Barbers, Taylors, Shoemakers and  
 Merchants, who possitively refuse to receive (State Certificates)  
 the only money your Military can command.

I have therefore taken the liberty of laying the enclos'd account  
 of extra Expenditures before Your Excellency & Council and to  
 request an order on the Treasurer for the amount in specie, or an  
 equivalent sum in Continental State Money, to be advanced on Ac-  
 count of the United States, and to be settled and accounted for by  
 me, with the Auditors of the Southern Army, or with General  
 Greene who has engag'd to reimburse me.

The application of an Officers private money, to public uses, is  
 attended with singular disadvantages, as every day lessens the pros-  
 pect of rewards for his services, diminishes the honor of his station,