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it transpire as little as possible, and wrote my brother to consult our Delegates in Congress, and if agreeable to them, to deliver it over to the Continental Commissary, that the State might get Credit for it, which was accordingly done, since which I have attempted at bolting some from Harford County, but tis all sour, I then bolted about two hundred Barrels to fill an order drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Smith in favour of M<sup>rs</sup> Smith and Mathews, and M<sup>r</sup> Mathews and myself went to the Mills and examined it and thought it would do, it was condem'd also as this last parcel was condem'd at Christian Bridge, I have applyed to Col<sup>o</sup> Yeates to receive it, so that the State may have Credit for it, which he agrees to do, I have sent to corsica to M<sup>r</sup> Charles Blake for a quantity of flour that is there made at Col<sup>o</sup> Hemslys Mills, when it comes if there is a prospect of bolting it over to advantage, shall attempt it, but fear it wont do, as there has been out of 235 Barrels of flour sent here this week by Colo Dellam 153 is rejected by Col<sup>o</sup> Yeates, as sour and musty, nor have I been able to make one Barrel bare Inspection (so as to serve M<sup>r</sup> Smith) except sixty odd Barrels made at my own Mill out of some wheat had of Charles Blake of Queen Anns County, which wheat though not very good, yet it was ground and bolted with intent to make good flour of from the begining which was not the case with the other. I am now bolting of near two hundred B<sup>bles</sup> which came from M<sup>r</sup> Voorhees which I would feign hope will do, but should it not do for inspection, yet the mixing it with fresh bran laying to cool, and bolting over again sweetens and preserves it much, so that the Labour is not intirely lost, if my necessities for money were great when I wrote you last, they are much more so now. M<sup>r</sup> Concoa is a Safe opportunity and I lay under great difficulties for want of it

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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I have your Excell<sup>ys</sup> Orders of yesterday this Moment. The Waggon & Tents were met by the Bearer, one waggon excepted in which I was disappointed for want of Hard Cash, But flatter myself those sent will be fully sufficient for the Troops which are under marching orders. The Chirurgical Instruments, Rum & remains of Clothing must have arriv'd at Anapolis last Night. They were forwarded by the Packett, together with 500 Stocks, The New Money set its Sun in three Days, I scarce think Whetstone point's being partly sold for it Could raise it again. Nothing Else will, I am Certain. Tobacco has become a perfect Drug in Philad<sup>a</sup> It will not fetch 20/ now in Cash & not one H<sup>hd</sup> forwarded for the State is yet sold. This is not peculiar, private Tobacco is in the same State, However I shall wait on you on Monday & on my return make use of my Exertions. New Money will do Nothing. Tobacco may but at Considerable Disadvantage,