

January 30 racks. The many off puts obliges me to adress your Excellency on
 Red Book this Subject to know from what cause the long delay arises. Sensible
 No. 32 as I am that Materials can be easily procured.
 Letter 35

I have likewise to complain of the irregular & scanty manner that fuel is served out, & the only recourse on such occasions used, to permit the British Soldiers to Cut their fire wood (as I am informed) on a Gentleman's Manner without his consent likewise that the officers have hitherto received none: a thing unheard of & without example, all which may be easily obviated by those who are both able & willing to serve the Public I have but one thing more to observe to Your Excellency, that the Troops have received no Meat for these five Days past this Day included, & that the ration in that Specie has been considerably diminished of late.

Those facts I lay before your Excellency, who with the acquiescence of the Council of this Province, will I flatter myself order redress

January 31 [Wm. Bordley to His Excel^{cy} Thos. S. Lee Esq^r]
 (By M^r Moody)

I now send to Your Excell^{cy} George Jackson under the care of M^r Moody Lieut & will with alacrity, if you order, send all the Tories in Kent County

January 31 [Joseph Crockett, Lt. Col. Com. B. G. Frederick Town, to
 Red Book Gov. Lee.]
 No. 27
 Letter 44

I take this opportunity to inform your Excellency by express of the great scarcity of animal food at our Barracks—the Convention troops has drawn no meat for four days past. The purchasing Commissary informs me he has but a very small Supply in view (not exceeding six days provision) the reason advanced for our scanty supply is the scarsity of money, and what he has does not pass Current. I rest satisfied doubting not but your Excellency will adopt such measures as will afford speedy relief

January 31 [Her's Courtenay, Baltimore, His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r.]
 (Fav^r of Col^o Dorsey)

I have by me for some day's past, about a dozen peices Blue Cloths suitable (in my apprehention) for Officers & Soldiers Cloathing. I w^d Wish that they could be Appropriated for that use, rather than any other also about 10 or 12 dozen pair Ribb'd Worsted Stockings—if the State has use for such & that your Excellency will give orders to Whomsoever you appoint here for that purpose I shall be ready to treat with them; & the bearer M^r Jn^o Dorsey will be good enough to bring me any answer that you may please to give on the Occasion.