

were immediately made out, and transmitted to the Board of war and the Presidents of the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware

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You will receive inclosed herewith an Act of Congress of the 14th instant and in consequence thereof eight blank passports for the purpose of importing salt from Bermuda.

The reluctance with which Congress granted these Passports will appear from the Act itself: necessity alone could justify it; and therefore their extreme caution is expressed in the manner it is, and to prevent as much as possible any jealousies among the Merchants or States on this account.

[J. H. Stone, Annapolis to Hezekiah Reeder Esq^r Charles County] August 16

I have yours by M^r Clements—the cattle ought to have been on their way before this & I beg you will loose no time in forwarding them, as the troops at this place have been several times without flesh Provisions, and there being 1100 men at this place, unless some of your Cattle arrive this week they will be again distressed. M^r Dyson was appt^d to issue provisions but refused to act, as that business is now at an end, it will be unnecessary to appoint another. I have only two beeves at my plantation in Nanj^y the only Beef I shall have for my family next winter, if you can procure your number without them it will be doing an essensial favor

[P. S.] Forward the Cattle immediately—as they are now wanted.

[Rich^d Lemmon, Baltimore, to His Excel^y Thomas S. Lee.] August 16

Upon application from M^{rs} Parks, wife of M^r John Parks, now in prison here, as well from a principle of Justice to him I am in-dused to adress your Excellency in his favour, so far as to assure you that since he came to reside in this town I have never heard of his saying or doing any thing Injurious to this State or the United States, (this charge Excepted which I would hope is not sufficiently grounded) and from the knowledge I have of the man, am of opinion that his abilities are rather contemptible, and unfit to Serve any Interest Materially, Except that of his family.

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to the Council.] August 16
(By Mr. Lansdale)

I have yours by M^r Scott, and shall pay the greatest respect to the Contents and will loose no time in forwarding the Residue of the Cattle tho this business requires more time than is at first view conceived; as the holders of Cattle very reluctantly part with them and will give the Commissary no assistance in the Collection.

I have an order from M^r Calhoon desiring me to forward all the flower in this Town, immediately to George Town, I should be very happy to receive the Councils opinion upon this Subject—to transport