

[Jos^a Beall, Lieut P^s G^s Cty. Prince Georges C^{ty} To His Excell^{cy} August 22
Tho^s Simm Lee, Esq^r.]

This will be delivered you by Luke Adams one of the drafts from the last Clases, he and another marry^d man were drafted in the same Class, they drew for the chance of going, the lot fell on Adams who was Maryed this Spring, has a Crop on hand which he must loose if he goes out, which must be a great prejudice to him, though he has at present no children to maintain; He has been in the service and finding it prejudicial to his health imployed another man to take his place, he has been lately sick and now complains of a pain in his hip w^{ch} he says renders him incapable of Marching, he has been of some use to me, having imployed him to ride after some of those men who did not appear and particularly in taking one Nacey Smith a black fellow who deserted from Malbro, He now goes up with one Wise who kept out of the way. If this shuld not be thought a sufficient Excuse, and your Excell^{cy} & Hon^{rs} think proper to keep him in service, I could wish him to return again to Assist in catching some of those men who keep out of the way, as he is well Acquainted in the different parts of the county, and prety active when in health.

I could wish to have a list of all those men who were returned for the different Clases for this county this year and have not yet appeared at Annapolis, that I may know who are yet behind that have not been Excused.

A report prevails here that our State continentall money is not to be received in the Treashurrey, I could wish to be well informed in that matter, as I am now about making out Executions for all the money that remains due on Clases, and shall be at a loss how to proceed, or What instructions to give the Shereiff in receiving it

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

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I send M^r Crisall by M^r Scott 21 Head of Cattle the pressing manner you call upon me in you[r] favour of the 20th instant would not admit of my waiting a moment to collect a larger quantity—my utmost exertion have and shall be employed to compleat the Quantity of Beef you first ordered—was the Commissarys of the other Counties to do their part, I presume the Councils orders would not be so pointed at me. I should hold myself unpardonably culpable was the Troops to suffer the smallest distress from any neglect of mine—the Collection of Cattle, so detached as they are, is attended with very great trouble and requires time. I have not nor will I loose a moment in the business—and I hope to send forward another and more Consideral drove by the early part of next week—the people very reluctantly part with their Cattle and I often meet with very strong opposition