

I received orders from M^r Calhoun to forward to Elk all the Corn flour & Midlings I had in my Possession accordingly I sent off to M^r Yeats two Vessel Loads the greater part of which is returned as Sour'd & he writes me his orders are not to receive any flour but such as will Pass Inspection as Fine or Common flour, I have frequently ask'd for directions what I must do with flour I had on hand as I feard by keeping, it w^{ld} Spoil I suppose that I shall have not less then 500 Barrels of mix'd flour & Midlings in this County if something is not done with it in a short time will be entirely lost to the State

August 22

I Borrowed in the Spring 20 Bushels Salt for Public account & am now much in want of Salt to return it, and hope your Excellency will by some means enable me to do it I received directions to apply to M^r Calhoun for what salt I want'd & it w^{ld} be deliverd but on application he informed me that he had no Salt & never had Orders to procure any. I mentiond this to Your Excellency a month since & as I received no answer am obliged again to mention it.

[Hezekiah Reeder, Portobacco, to the Council.]

August 22

I have yours by express, am sorry you incline to think I have not been as expeditious as I might have been in Collecting the Cattle. I readily agree they might have been at Annapolis e'er this could I been furnish'd with Cash when I applyed but had none of the public money in my hands and could not get drivers without the Cash, I received 40£ the 7th Inst. and immediately set out to collect a Drove which is now on their way up—and hope to be able to forward them as fast as they are wantting. I wrote for a further supply of Cash by Edward Kerrick who has the direction of the Cattle.

[William Hanson, Alex^r Baird, William Semans, Solomon Semans, James Clayton, John Zelefro, Samuel Dickinson, John White, Gilbert Semans, Joseph Carrel, to the Governor and Council]

August 22
[Indorsed:
"Application
of James
Russel
a Draught
from Kent
County to
be Dis-
charged."

We the Subscribers whose Names are underwriten, Do Certifie that the Bearer James Russel is a poor man haveing wife and four Small Children and his wife almost at the Lieing in of the fifth and has nothing to Support them But what he gets by his Labour, and we think if he is Obliged to go to Camp that his wife and Children must Perrish given under our Hands this 22^d Day of Aug^t 1781.

State of Maryland } On the 23^d Day of August 1781 Came James
Kent County Ss } Russell before me the Subscriber one of the
Justices of the Peace for s^d County, and made Oath on the holy
Evangels of Almighty God that the within State respecting the Situ-
ation of his family are Just and true

Sworn to before
William Henry