

pleased with though could not order as the Commissioners had ordered it there, this I shall lay before the Commissioners this day if they meet and endeavour to have orders to remove it, and in that case shall send a Vessel for it and any other wheat that lay contiguous. This case convinces me there is many more parcels of wheat in the similar situation, which cannot be manufactured on the East side of Elk River, I have therefore wrote to the several Comm^{rs} of Kent, Queen Anns, Talbot, Caroline and Dorset Countys, to have any wheat of the present collection that cant be laid into good Mills with streams of water sufficient to grind lodg'd so; but such as cannot, and is contiguous to the stores on the waters on Sasafras, Chester or high up on Choptank Rivers, to be lodged in such stores, and to send it to me here, or to give me information of it, and I'll send Craft for it, I am not Insensible that the Censorious may call this partiality, and suspect that I want everything done in my own Neighbourhood, if any such censure should arise, I shall impute it to their Ignorance of the situation and circumstance of things; and can only say in my Justification, that if they (or any one else) can get the wheat properly Manufactured in any other part of the Eastern shore, (at this season) tis more then I can, I am now closeing my accounts of Deliverys for the last Collection which with a General return of receivals shall be sent you, the boultng it over and delivering some at Philad^a some at Christian, and some here, which tis difficult to collect the receipts for, is the cause of the delay at present, pray Excuse the length of this letter. I have so many things to touch on often Intercepted and the mind not concise at best, you have the will for the deed of your Excellency & Honours Most Obed^t Hble Ser^t

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[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee] September 2
(Honoured by Col^o Smith)

I received yours of the 30th Ult^o with £250 of the new Emission which doth not yet pass current here especially with such people as this will be wanted for, I shall do every thing in my power to forward the collecting of Cattle & flour to this place & George Town but unless the County Commissaries will exert themselves in a very particular manner on this occasion we will fail in procuring the number of Cattle required. Making seisures is so very disagreeable a business that few Men can be prevailed on to undertake it, M^r Griffith the Commissary of this County, I fear will not although I have done everything in my power to persuade him of the necessity thereof and at length have insisted that he will either go immediately about it or inform you thereof that some other person may be appointed in his stead. He says and I believe with too much truth that it will require a number of Persons to assist him in the business which is so disagreeable that he can get none to engage in it especially for the new Money I fear M^r Griffith will not be the only Commissary in this