

February 1 purpose have endeavoured but can get none, those who have for Sale
 Red Book will only part with it slaughtered—if Beef is to be paid on the Hoof
 No. 27 for the Taxes perhaps I may then get some otherwise have no chance
 Letter 21 at present.

My contracts for pork have been at £3 hard money & Beef at 50/
 p cent payable in new Bills at the exchange but there is some Beef
 in the county to sue, think I must go higher rather than not have it.

My cash is exhausted and as I have some contracts to comply with
 next week must beg to be supplied by the first opportunity. Doctor
 Johnson who is now in Annapolis & I suppose will be down in a few
 days will readily convey it to me. I must also request to be furnished
 with Salt as soon as possible, what I have will soon be expended &
 unless I am supplied the provision may suffer for the want of it.

[February 2] [The Petition of James O Hara, late Soldier in the first Maryland
 Regiment, to His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the
 Council of the State of Maryland.]

He has not received any Cloathing this four years past having the
 misfortune to get blind in the Service, And no longer able to be Ser-
 viceable to the State he was Determined to be as little Trouble to
 your honours as Possible but your Pettitioner having the misfor-
 tune to Be Rob'd of part of his small Necessaries in October last
 brings him under the necessity of Troubling your honours for a
 little assistance in his Low Circumstances your hon^{rs} will be pleas'd
 to take his Case into Consideration and order him relief

February 2 [Za. Maccubbin, Jun^r Balt. County, to His Excellency
 Thom^s Sim Lee Esquire]

For reasons not worth communicating to your Excellency, I do
 hereby resign my Coroners Commission into your hands, and should
 your Excellency think proper to commission another Person in my
 room, Capt. Edward Norwood who lives in the Neighbourhood for
 which I was appointed, will, in my opinion be a proper Person—

February 3 [Peter Chaille Commissary of Somerset Co. to Gov. Lee]

I Reced yours Dated the 26th of December Last, and according to
 instructions have dun every thing in my power to purchase All the
 Salt Pork & Beef in our County, am sorry to inform you with little
 success as the People is not Fond to Receive the new Bills I have
 Contracted for sum Pork at two Hundred and twenty five pound
 p Hundred, to be paid in the new Bills at one for forty, I have offer^d
 Sixteen Hundred Dollars for Barreld Pork, in the new Bills at one
 for forty, shall be much oblig^d to you to send me by Capt. Handy, a
 sum of money as the People is not fond of trusting the State, pleas
 to send me furdur instructions.