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pelled to send the Corn until the Enemy was pretty clear of the Bay. About a Week agoe I thought it a good time to Risque and accordingly agreed with M<sup>r</sup> Richard Mason to Transport the Corn and fetch the Iron, and was not a Little surprised to be informed by M<sup>r</sup> Dick that the Com<sup>rs</sup> had seized my Iron with the Rest, notwithstanding M<sup>r</sup> Skinner informed them of my Contract. I hope that your Excy and the Council will give orders for the delivery of at least the 3½ Tonns (I say at least as I was not confined to 3½ Tonns, But was to have as much more as I sent Corn to pay for) and that you will also inform me when I am to send the Corn. As the Iron was British property—I suppose the Corn to pay for it is also British property—I mentioned this matter to M<sup>r</sup> West when last at Annapolis and requested that he wou'd mention the matter to the Governor & Council the loss of the Iron will be to me, a great disappointment as my Smiths are almost Idle for want of it. Many of the Horses want shoeing, wou'd it not be well to have them shod?

M<sup>r</sup> Ridgate hath been with me for pay for his hats I will thank your Ex<sup>cy</sup> for the Price you and the Council have annexed to them & the manner in which they are to be paid for.

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[Ja<sup>s</sup> Murray, to Colo. Brice]

I have examined the wound which M<sup>r</sup> Handy received in his leg & am of opinion that it renders him incapable of Military Duty.

September 8

[Chas. Blake, Corsica to His Ex: Tho<sup>s</sup> S: Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

It is with the utmost Satisfaction I inform yr Ex: that the 350 Cattle will be obtain'd in a very few days, I now have upwards of 250 and have not been over one half of the Co<sup>ty</sup>; the People overjoyed at the arrival of our Allies have in many places desir'd me to call and take any number I thought they could possibly spare; I have not yett Seized one and hope I shall not. The Cattle on Chews and Kent Islands I shall leave there till farther orders, the others I shall leave in those pastures ready. Those on Kent and Chews may Perhaps be order'd off by water, if not they shall be ready to go when order'd. If y<sup>r</sup> Ex: should order any to be Slaughter'd please to say what is to be done with the 5<sup>th</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> I have found no Salt provisions yet.

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[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

Col<sup>o</sup> Smith has informed me that he cannot furnish the Spirit and Rum requested by the Council for want of money to purchase it.

The red money advanced me when left at Annapolis will not procure me any kind of necessaries.

M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun offers to procure Spirit &c if authorized to dispose of flour for Cash to pay for it.