

September 13

[Tho<sup>s</sup> Nelson Jr., Williamsburg, to Governor Lee]

The great consumption of Salt, which so large an Army as is now collecting in this State, will necessarily occasion, makes me apprehensive that it will be difficult for us to furnish sufficient supplies of that article, as I imagine it will be in your Power to afford us assistance in this respect, I must request that you will have measures taken for this purpose.

I also beg leave to remind you of what I mentioned in a former letter, that a supply of flour from your State, will be very acceptable if not absolutely necessary.

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Letter 26[Dan'l Jenifer, Port<sup>o</sup>, to Gov. Lee.]

Your Excellency's favor of yesterday was this minute handed to me by express. As the case is urgent I will endeavour to search for Vessels but fear none are to be had in this River. Col<sup>o</sup> Laurens on his way to W<sup>m</sup>sburg has sent forward to inform me that he is in want of two Horses. I shall furnish him with two belonging to the State which I hope will meet with the approbation of the Governor & Council.

September 15 [John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Governor & Council.]

I sett out immediately upon the receipt of your Commands of the 30 Ulto upon the Collection of the Cattle agreeable to your directions, and have been very earnest in the business untill the present moment; and had not a letter which I received from the Commissary General at Baltimore, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> ordering me to detain the Cattle in pastures untill further instructions, I should have had the greater part of them at George Town by this day.

The present being favoured by such good hands (M<sup>r</sup> Craufurd) I cannot omit to request in the most earnest manner that I may be (by him) furnished with as much money as will Compleat the Payment of the Beef & the necessary expences attending the Collection and driving them; as also money to pay for the waggonage of the Fish.

It is impossible to describe to you the difficulties I labour under in fulfilling your orders for matters where the money is not deposited, very few acts appear to come voluntarily from the people, especially where the demand amounts to a disposal of any part of their property, and this reluctance is rendered much greater when they find the money is not to be received.

I am under the greatest anxiety with respect to flower Barrels, and the Millers declare they cannot continue receiving the Publick wheat without them, and such as have been received is liable to great waste & damage. Barrels I cannot procure from George Town, as