

directions therein, and shall only look out for Barrels (not engage them) until I have the Honour of hearing from you on that Subject,

P. S. Please to inform me how far I am to supply the Quarter Master with pasture and Forage and what I am to do with the Hides and Tallow of the Cattle killed on State account

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[Eph. Blaine, C. G'l, Elk, to Colo Hollingsworth, State Agent.]

All the Cattle which are coming in from the Eastward with those furnished by your district are to be delivered to M^r Yeates D. Q. M. G'l for the State of Maryland who has received Instructions how to dispose of them, you will deliver him all the Cattle you possibly can, and press the County Contractors to procure the supplies required without delay—the necessity of Provisions Southwardly and the great demand, will require your utmost exertion and punctual compliance with every demand—the season for salting provisions is near at hand and if our Army remains to the southward very large requisitions will be made for Salt provisions have therefore to request you to make preparation in salt and Barrels for the above, purpose I shall wait upon your Governor and Council upon my way down, and represent to them the necessity of preparing the above mentioned Articles and make no doubt but they will make proper provision.

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[B. Lincoln to Governor Lee.]

I am, this moment, informed by Col^o Stewart that all the Flower, which he can now promise, is two hundred Barrels at the Head of Elk, three hundred at Baltimore and one thousand Barrels at George Town.

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This is a Supply for fifteen Days only and much less, if we pay what we have borrowed of the French. From this short View of the matter, your Excellency will see how totally unequal that number is to what will be our Demand, and how dangerous it is to the Safety & Interest of America to suffer so important an Expedition as the present to rest a moment on so precarious a Basis. Pray give me Leave to solicit an Exertion of the Powers & Interest of this State to collect & forward to the Army, or collect, at least, one hundred Barrels of Flower per Day

A collection of Beef will also require every Exertion

Your Excellency is too fully possessed of the necessity of supplies to need my saying more on the Subject.

[William Bowie, Upper Marlboro to The Hon^{ble} the Governor & Council] (Hon^d by Mr. Brooks)

September 16

I have sent by M^r Brookes two Acco^{ts} which on perusal if found right you will please to give an Order on the Treasurer for the money or Tobacco as you think proper.