

September 17 [Thos. Beall of Geo. for T. Richardson, Com'y, Geo Town, to His Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> S. Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>] (Fav<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Cary)

As soon as your fav<sup>r</sup> of 13<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> came to hand; I communicated the Contents to M<sup>r</sup> Joshua George Q. M. for this place; to whom I had delivered all the flour Agreeable to an Order from James Calhoun Esq<sup>r</sup> dated 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> George went down to Coll<sup>o</sup> Hendricks of Alex<sup>a</sup> who promised to send up Vessells; there was but two small Pilott Boats at this place which I Immediately Impressed—there has been sent down 131 Barrells flour & there is still at this place and in the neighbourhood 1000 Barrells. I have given Possitive Orders to the Different Millers in this County who has Publick Wheat to have it Immediately Ground up—and you may Rely on it that Nothing shall be wanting to forward the Service that lays in my Power.

P. S. I am getting Cattle here to day to Join a drove coming on.

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[Stephen Steward, West River, to the Council.]

It is been three weeks since I have been coming up to you and have been prevented by a bad wound on my legg which continues so bad I dare not venture to ride so I send M<sup>r</sup> Wasteney's my Clark to you. I here Inclose you M<sup>r</sup> Lambdins Letter where you'll find nothing will do but hard money, for plank which I have not got nor will the Red money buy it, I have laid out at least £300 Hard money for the use of the Gally already, which I shall be a great looser by, as I can buy any thing for Hard money at much less price then I can for the New Emission, indeed salt provisions could not be bought all Summer for any thing but this Hard money which I have been obliged to buy with my own money at an Extravagant price. I now soon shall be without Salt provisions, perhaps it may sute you to Let me have some and a little hard Cash as I have no more of my own I shoud likewise be glad you will send me four or five Hundred pounds of the New Emission—we go on but slow with the Gally for want of hands, M<sup>r</sup> Chase has got several of my hands from me by giving them a much Higher wages then I think they are worth and promising to pay them Hard money which I cannot do with any prospect of doing it. As soon as it is possible for me to go I intend over the Bay myself to get Masts for the Gally, I think you had best have her Rigged a three Mast Schooner as you cant get people that understand Gallys and a three Mast Schooner will be Equally as handy and her Masts will hold but very little more wind, if she is Rigged a Schooner you may then send her to sea Occasionally I want much to talk to you on this Occation. M<sup>r</sup> Wasteney's Receipt will be Equall to my own for any thing you give him for me I think the Gally will be Superior to any that ever was built on this Continent, as I cant get the plank from the Eastern shore I have Desired M<sup>r</sup> Wasteney's to go over Magaty to see if he can get plank there for the new Emission at some price or I must Discharge what few hands I have for want of both