

inform'd that the fleet had sail'd and no one call'd at Kent Point. September 23
 I then orderd the cattle back to Pasture where they all remain but 9
 which got out the night of the 20th and are still missing but expect
 every day to hear of them as there are two persons in search of them.
 I hope if y^r Ex: should order any more Cattle by water you will order
 the Vessels into Wye where the whole Cattle from the County may
 be collected and put on board; there are 60 on Wye Island ready.
 Y^r Ex: desires an additional number tho the People are all willing
 still it is with difficulty they can spare the 350 without breaking in
 on their family provision. However if you'll inform me that it is
 necessary that I should collect a farther number by seizure (tho it
 will distress me to take from those, whats for their own use, who
 have already spared all the rest) I'll lay by all my own feelings rather
 than lett the expedition suffer. I hope the troops have suffer'd noth-
 ing for want of those Cattle I did all I could from the shortnes of the
 notice, and ever shall strain every thing to forward the Service

[R^d Bond, Saint Marys County To the Governor and Council] September 24

As it is not in my power to keep the State Horses longer shall be
 much oblige to you to advise me by the next Post in what manner
 to Act. If they are to remain in this County any length of Time
 Colonel Barnes will undertake the care of them.

[Raphael Brooke, Frederick County, to the Gov. & Council.] September 24
 (P^r F^r of Mr. J. Clabough)

I Have 6 or 7 Thousand w^t of Net Beef and Mutton and Expect
 Neare as Mutch more In a few Weakes and Knowing this State is in
 want of those Articles should willingly serve them with what I have
 or Can Procure on the Following termes. Viz, I will Let My Meat
 at the Cash prise in Baltimore town And Deliver it to Aney Coma-
 seray on the Western Shoure of Chesapeake bay that you May
 Apoint to Receive it, And Take Wheat in Payment In the Mills on
 Pipe Creek in this County at the Prise Curent it sels for at the time
 you Receve the beef & Mutton, If these termes is Agreeable Please
 to give mee an Answer by the bearer & I will wait on you In about
 two Weakes

[George Dashiell, Som^t Co^{ty}, to Gov. Lee.] (Fav^d by Capt. Walley) September 24

In consequence of instructions rec^d from the Special Council I
 have impress'd the following vessels & sent to transport the troops
 from the head of Elk to Virginia to wit. A schooner belonging to
 M^r Josiah Dashiell sent forward to baltimore with orders to call on
 Col^o Sam^l Smith for instructions; a Schooner belonging to Capt Jn^o
 Parker and one belonging to M^r James Handy—which goes up
 under Convoy of Cap^t Walley's barge. I have sent up with Capt.