

September 19 procure a large Number of Beef Cattle as soon as possible & to drive or forward them to Fredericksburg in Virginia & have exerted myself as much as possible to collect them & notwithstanding this County has been greatly exhausted by the Maintenance of the Convention Troops Guards &c yet I have a well grounded Prospect of being able to send 100 from this place in three Days & as many more in the Course of next Week. My Sickness, the necessary avocations from the Business of the Office occasioned by my attending to the Governor & Council their & your pressing Orders, relative to Beef Cattle & Flour has prevented me from sending down a Return of Provisions this Week, but you may I think depend upon it by next Post

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[Don. Yeates, D. Q. M., Elk, to Gov. Lee]

I rec^d your favour of the 23rd Advising me of this want of flour by our Army under His Excellency General Washington, and requiring that articles to be forwarded by me without delay of time, be assured no attention or Industry in my power shall be wanting in the execution of this business, Permit me to acquaint you I am much retarded in the business thro' the want of Craft, General Lincoln took every one from this place I could Collect on either shore for a Considerable distance down, after the first division sailed, since which eight or nine Craft has been procured and by the particular order of the General appropriated to the transportation of Amunition and some heavy Carriages to mount Artillery, in these a few Barrels of flour will be got in, to amo^t of p^haps one hundred B^{bls} or may be some more, these will sail to morrow, when I shall not have a Craft at the place unless some of the first division that sailed returns, I will then have on hand about three Craft Load of Artillery, Quarter Masters, and Commissary Stores exclusive of the flour but the first object now shall be to the forwarding the flour, and no opportunity lost that I can avail myself of; think it right to acquaint you of these several circumstances as its probable some Craft may come into the Port of Annapolis under a pretence of their not being wanted.

P. S. 27th evening all the Craft here has fell down the river ab^t 15 in number under the direction of Captⁿ Stephens and a Partie of the train of Artillery, all the amunition, Artillery and other stores which came on with the Army nearly shiped, also 151 B^{bls} of flour for the American Army & ab^t 140 for the french, a few good Craft will answer the business here now

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[Charles Athey, Charles County to Governor Lee]

May it please Your Excellency I am a draught from this County and belong to Capt. John Mitchell's Company of the 4th Mary^d Regiment; and on our march from Annapolis to Virginia obtained a furlough from my Captain for two days to see my friends, in Which