

time I was Seas^d With a pain in one of my hipps Which Was so violent as to Render it out of my power to Rejoin the Regiment, the pain is Still so sevear that I am not able to march, and therefore thought it my duty to inform Your Excellency of my Case, making no doubt But you Will Give some orders in the matter, Which I shall most Gladly Comply With to the utmost of my power.

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[Thos Beall of G. for T. Richardson, Geo. Town, to His Excellency Thos. S. Lee Esq^r] September 27

I am to inform you that our New Money has met with almost an over thro since the french Troops Passed this place

I am not Able to get Hands to send on with the Cattle that has been brought to this place and without I am furnished with some hard money to hire hands; the Cattle will remain in this neighbourhood;

I am informed to day that all the Cattle that has been Procured in Washⁿ County is com^s to this place; Col^o Steuart Ordered they shou^d Cross Potomack at Nolands ferry below Frederick Town; if they shoud come down here I am sure they Cannot be sent forward

[Eph: Blaine, C. G. S. Williamsburgh To His Excellency Governor Lee] September 27

His Excellency the Commander in Chief approves of three places of Deposit upon the Eastern Shore of your State for the collection of Beef Cattle. Viz. Oxford landing upon Choptank River for the Supplies of Queen Ann, Talbot & Caroline Counties—Vienna upon Nanticoke River for Dorchester, and Snow Hill for the County of Worchester. I will Order Agents to attend at those places to receive and forward the Stores. Your Excellency will please to Order the Contractors to bring in their Cattle to those places agreeable to the Orders they receive from my Agents, and to be punctual in a compliance therewith—they must also provide good pasture convenient to the places of slaughter, and I beg Sir you will give them Orders to afford every necessary Assistance in this Business. I shall order what Public salt remains in your State to be collected to those places but am doubtful it will by no means equal our demand. Packing down Meat at this early Season requires large quantities of Salt. Your Excellency & Council will please to order the purchase of five or Six hundred Bushels, one half of which to be sent to Oxford & the residue to Vienna & Snow Hill.

I shall set out tomorrow for Northampton & Accomack and take those places in my way to Annapolis.

The large Consumption of Provisions in our Army will require the utmost Exertions of every Person who is the least concern^d in procuring Supplies. Your Excellency will please to repeat your Ap-