

September 27 plication to the State Commissioners and enjoyn them to be punctual in executing your Orders in the purchase of Provisions.

Number of our Soldiers are falling sick—the Season, Climate, & fatigue our Army will undergo for some time, will oblige the Commander in Chief to Order large quantities of Spirits to be Issued—we shall want a considerable quantity of Whiskey from you as speedily as it can be procured.

The whole Army moves down towards York to morrow morning at five oClock, and its said they will not halt until they are within one Mile of Cornwallis's Works. It is reported he is strongly fortified therefore in a few Days the Opperations of both Armys will become very serious.

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[Deposition of John Mills]

Ann Arundel County To wit

On the 27 day of September 1781 John Mills personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and made Oath that he Entered himself in the Select Militia in Saint Mary's County before the Draught for Receiving Two Battalions took place in that County and that he hath Considered himself bound as one of the Select Militia of Saint Marys County

Allen Quynn

September 27 [David Poe, D. Q. M., Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.] (Pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Harrison)

The Bearer hereof Cap<sup>t</sup> Harrison waits on your Excellency for orders, his Vessel being loaded with 400 B<sup>bls</sup> Bread and Flour for the Army in Virginia, you will Please to give him the Necessary Directions, where to proceed to unload his Cargo.

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[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert, to Gov. Lee.]

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I yesterday sent off my second Drove of Fifty head of Beef Cattle for George Town, the first were delivered safe and I have a Receipt from the Quarter Master then for them. I shall continue the Collection with all possible expedition, and as it would be of great advantage to have the Cash to pay down for the whole, could it be spared I shall be very glad of a Supply by return of the post. I did suppose from the Troops going down by Water that there would be no Occasion to send any more Beef to George Town, and wrote last week on that Subject. Must beg therefore to be inform'd if I am still to Continue sending them there or if not, where they were to be deposited.

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[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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According to my Late orders I Have Bo<sup>t</sup> & nearly made up the quantity of shirts order<sup>d</sup> & about 120 Blankets which will be for-