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The 50 men engaged for three years and the war, of the Maryland Line, which you mention I could wish should be moved on as soon as may be, equipped in the best manner you are able to effect; the nine months men are not so necessary perhaps to be sent on immediately, I wish however they may be equipped & held in constant readiness to come on if needed—it is impossible at this moment to foresee all the events which may render their services of importance

General Greene's little army having been so much reduced by frequent Battles and Losses, it is of the utmost importance to recruit the Troops assigned to him in the speediest manner and to the fullest compliment possible I must therefore desire that you will continue your exertions in superintending that service, especially as were you to join me on the present enterprise the several commands are already so filled that I should find it very difficult to dispose you in such manner as I could wish and your merits deserve

I am Dear Sir with esteem your most obed^t Serv^t

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

I shall send off my third Drove of Beef Cattle for George Town early tomorrow morning. I have receipts for one hundred head already delivered them and hope to get away my last Drove in the course of the next week.

The Cattle purchased in this County will amount to between Six & Seven pounds Currency each, upon an average. I have given assurance to the people that they shall have their money Immediately and as they are in want of it to pay their assessments (for which only it is now of any use to them) I shall be glad of a Supply for the purpose by return of the Post, my present Stock being almost exhausted. I suppose about £500 more will be nearly sufficient for the purchase & I wish to be informed if I am to settle & pay the assistants & drovers or send these afterwards to Annapolis, these expences will be considerable but could not be avoided—indeed the red money is of so little value now that it is with the utmost difficulty I can employ any person for it.

A Body of the Jersey & other Continental Troops were sometime put on shore at the mouth of Patuxent on their way to Virginia, they were supplied during their stay with State flour from Col^o Fitzhughs mill, and the Inhabitants in the neighbourhood furnished them with some Beef and Mutton, for which the Officers gave them Certificates—these they have since sent to me with an Expectation that I am to pay them—have made application for the money alledging that it was Beef they intended to let me have for the State.

However as I apprehend I have nothing to do with it, I have promised those Gentlemen to write your Excellency & Honors on the Subject and must beg to be informed if there is a probability of their being paid & How they are to proceed for that purpose.

I have the Certificates in my possession