

October 23 nails, pay waggonage, Freight, Baggs, and a number of other things
 Red Book which nothing but my pressure has kept alive, shall as soon as the
 No. 30 circumstance will at any rate admit of it make a sale of some wheat
 Letter 45 or Flour, unless furnished, by your Excellency & Honors, as the red
 money wont do unless to pay a part of the Tax, and we in this
 County have been so eaten up by the Army, that we have certificates,
 enough for that, and should I offer to force it, a depreciation must
 be the consequence, the people are now calling on me daily with their
 certificates for pasturage and Forage furnished Col^o Yeates and the
 Army at your request, as this is a matter a Little out of the common
 road of my first appointment, shall be much obliged to your Excel-
 lency & Honors to be enabled to discharge it as I am kept near one
 half my time unhappy by duners and detained and delayed in my
 other business, Hay and short Forage is another matter which I am
 at great difficulty for, Colo. Yeates calls on me for it, and says he has
 a right to do so, I have no mode of making payment, as the sheriff
 flatly refuses taking my Certificates for Forage in discharge of Taxes
 (nor will the commissioners direct him) of course the post must be
 without Forage unless I stake my private fortune for it, which I
 have done for above one thousand pounds and am now dunn'd for
 the money.

Inclosed you have the subscription paper sent me with such Sub-
 scribers as I could collect, shall send of a messenger to-morrow to
 wait on each commissary of this Shore in his County for their Re-
 turns to the last of this month, by which messenger I shall further
 enjoin it, that their prospect for a month to come be containd (as
 near as may be) which as soon as obtained shall be sent you, this I
 must do by Messenger express, as should I leave this place to go this
 Tour (as you were pleased to recommend) every thing must stop
 here, and I am confident of doing more essential service here, then
 it is possible for me to do any where else, the few Mills below that
 can grind will be kept going and the cattle will be slaughtered, and
 salted no doubt, as it requires little Skill to cure meat to keep one
 month only, which is the present mode (as tis immediately wanted)
 M^r Tilghman 4th and the Special Council will I am confident, yield
 every assistance, and the very first Hour that the Service (here) will
 by any means admit of it, I will certainly (like the poor widow) add
 my mite to their Indeavours I am very sorry to write such a long letter
 but I have so many subjects to Touch on, so many difficulties to en-
 counter, and so little in my Head or hands to do it with, that I flatter
 myself your Excellency & Honors will Indulge it, and Look on it as
 the weak efforts and struggles of one desirous to do good, though
 much Hobbled in difficulties, from which pray Assist to Extricate,
 Gentlemen Your most devoted & Most obed H^{ble} Serv^t