

People by some means or other the whole amounts only to about £1250 for hire of Teams and that is due to near 300 Persons If your Excellency should think proper to order that Sum to be sent me of the new Money by the Bearer it would be Confering a Particular favour on me and I can Venture to say it would be Serving the Public much, as Individuals would be much Readier to Serve in future, I would also Beg that you will if Possible order some money to be sent me for the Line of Express as I am unable otherwise to keep it going. October 29

I hope you will Excuse me for being Troublesome necessity Urges me to Write as such a Number of Creditors Threatning to Commence Suits for there money, and indeed some has already Done it.

[John H. Cromwell, Cecil County, to Governor Lee]

October 30

I find in the publick papers an advertisement setting forth the Sale of all the Estate of James Russell & Com^a merch^{ts} in London, on the 10th Day of November next on the premises, part of the Land adjoins Land of mine & I am very desirous of becoming a purchaser; and being Administrator of John Ham^d Dorsey Late of Balt^t County Deceased I have Lodged a very Considerable sum of Money in the Office under the Act of Assembly to pay the Debt Due from said Dorsey's Estate to Great Britain & he Owing Others I am Called on to Settle the Estate which if not Done I shall become a sufferer & as I have no way to Extricate myself from this Difficulty or to Embrace an Oppertunity of purchasing Land which might be of Considerable advantage to me as well as some Little to the State, but by applying to your Excelency & the Honorable Council for permission to Attend said Sale & Liberty to settle my Accounts, I have taken this method of making my Application hoping you will take the above into Consideration and grant my request which will be a great advantage to me & Cannot be a disadvantage to any one & To the community at large. I am besides all this Deprived of the sight of my family being almost thirty miles Distant and have never seen them since I Left Annapolis Except on my way here not having it in my Power to bring them to this place, on acc^t of it being put into the hands of a man for a term which is not yet Expired—resting on Your Excelency & Honors Goodness to relieve me from such Difficulties & hardships.

[Joseph Ford to Gov. Lee.]

[October]

Your Excellencies favor by Coll^o Forrest with Eight Hundred Pounds of the last emission I received and am sorry to find that I have made contracts that should be thought inadmissable by your Hon^{ble} Board but as my Instructions were not against Tobacco contracts I thought they might be admitted of unless unreasonable and