

November 5 Year 1776 during the War, and always did his duty faithfully & Conscientiously, as become a Soldier, but being now by Reason of Cold and Sickness, rendered unfit for duty Your Excellencys Petitioner Humbly pleads, That your Excellency & Council would take his Case into Consideration, And Allow him something out of either half pay or pension, as shall seem meet to Your Excellency & Council, As your Petitioner is at present in great need of a Blankett a Shirt & pair of Shoes, And has got a Wife & Children to Care for, & no otherwise provided for—And your Excellencys petitioner As in Duty bound shall ever pray.

November 5 [Chas. Thomson, Philad^a, to Gov. Lee.]

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Letter 126 I have the honor to inform you that this day pursuant to the articles of Confederation, the United States in Congress Assembled proceeded to the choice of a President and have elected for the ensuing year, his Excellency John Hanson

November 6 [Tho. Price, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.]

Previous to your late Instructions respecting my not sending any more Beef, Cattle &^{ca} to Virginia I had sent off the last Drove, which together with the former made up in the whole two hundred & eighty three Head; I had also forwarded all the Flour, agreeable to Directions from the Commissary Gen^l so that at present there is a Scarcity of both these material Articles, there not remaining on hand Viz. of Beef Cattle, more than twelve, & they small, and of Flour not exceeding one hundred bbls. There is 'tis true Wheat enough, but the Waters are so low that little can be ground & nothing but Rain or Supplies from other Parts can prevent a Scarcity in the Articles of Bread

But if my Views respecting the article of Bread be discouraging in Respect of Flesh Provisions they are more so; The Guards kept up here have been a continual Drain to this County, the calling out the Select Militia & Light Horse & supporting them, tho but for some Days required large Quantities, but the seizures for the Supply of the Army has rendered it very scarce indeed: when to these is added the Depreciation of red Money, the Difficulty of procuring any further or large Supply of that Article is very manifest; hard Money & nothing else, can in any Measure lessen the Difficulty. I was informed by Doctor Philip Thomas last Night that M^r George Murdock was appointed issuing Commissary here, but having learnt this Morning that he refuses to Officiate I shall continue to act as formerly till I shall receive your orders to the contrary

November 7 [James Sulivane, Comy D. Co^{ty}, Dorchester County, to Gov. Lee.]

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Letter 151 As my purchase of Cattle is nearly Completed the people are much distressed for the Balance due them as many have depended