

November 15 remain'd in my hands, as well as some others that were at Bladensburgh, to Frederick Town to be delivered to George Murdock Esq<sup>r</sup> In Consequence of which I sent off on Monday last the whole of the number then Collected about 260 head some of the Cattle from having been much harrassed are not fitt for immediate slaughter—they greater part of them are in tollerable good Condition. I am informed there is yet a Number to be sent forward from the Lower Counties—the number heretofore required of this County is compleated and the whole (save a few scattering ones which could not be got together) sent forward—the expences attending the feeding, pasturing and driving this number of Cattle together with what may be sent on will lay me under the necessity of drawing a further sum of money from you for the payment of these expences—at this season the Cattle require to be well fed and the disabilities of our red money makes it very difficult and indeed I believe now impossible to purchase provinder for them—pray what am I to do in such cases—where the parties will not take red money for Hay &c for Cattle should any more be thrown into my hands. I have gone through thus far tollerable well but dread my success in future

November 15 [Joshua George A. D. Q. M., George Town, to His Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun has not as yet sent me the fifty bush<sup>ls</sup> Salt you wrote to him the 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> to supply me with immediatly and as M<sup>r</sup> Beall of this Town see him on Friday last in Baltimore at which time he had not rec<sup>d</sup> your Excellencys Letter, I apprehend it must have miscarried I have borrowed a little Salt but far insufficient to Salt the Beef the first time. I hope your Excellency will urge M<sup>r</sup> Calhoon to send it immediatly as I shall be much distressed for it.

November 16 [H. Hollingsworth, C. Eastern Shore, Head of Elk, To His Excellency Mathew Tilghman, Esq. in Special Council, Talbot Court House.] (P<sup>r</sup> Mr. Jno. Hollingsworth)  
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Your fav<sup>r</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> is only this day received observe the contents, am pleased that Boats are loading with wheat, as the Mills are now empty occasioned by the contrary winds which has blown longer unfare than was ever known at any one time, which has prevented my sending any Vessels, as we could get few up, which few I have been obliged to apply to the service of the French Army, which is to winter at York & Williamsburg, but as the winds now fare I expect a number of Vessels up with it, which as soon as unloaded shall be a part of them applyed to the State Service as I have got partly through that of the French for the present, and Colo. Yeates is not in want of any, so that I flatter myself of sending several Craft in a short time to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Tilghman 4<sup>th</sup> & Henry Dickenson Esq<sup>r</sup> You will