

[November] [And. Buchanan, Balt. County, to His Excell^y Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r]

Lieu^t Co^l Charles Carnan and Major Joseph Gist of Col. Hammond Battaⁿ having resigned their Commissions, the Battaⁿ at a Meeting recommend that Capt Nathan^l Stinchcomb be appointed Lieu^t Col^o and Cap^t Elias Dorsey Major in their steads. I suppose they may be Equal to any in the Battalion, if you Approve of them be Pleased to forward their Commis^{ns}.

December 3

[Chas. M. Croxall to Gov. Lee.]

In consequence of information by a Gentleman from New York—and hearing the intentions of your Excellency & Council to draw on Congress or Financier for Specie for the supplying Lt. Cornwallis's Captive Troops with rations, during their Captivity—I doe myself the honor of soliciting the preferance to an appointment which may soon take place in this State; as negotiator for Provisions for that part of the Troops, in this State.

By this Gen^t I am inform'd on the Capture of L^t Cornwallis being confined in New York, Sir Henry Clinton, and Governor Robinson express'd their apprehensions that they should be obliged to be put to extreme inconveniency in supplying those Troops with rations—unless the States w^d admitt a negotiator to be appointed of by them, and that negotiator to be allowd, so much p^r ration and receive specie in New York for the purpose.

As persons who have suffer'd in the service of this State have ever experienced the attention of your Excellency and Council, in preferance to others, that added to my having the honor of an appointment in post issues, I flatter myself with merriting your Attention on this.

I can say from my own knowledge that during my Captivity, many hundreds of our Soldiers perished in their Goals for provisions which obliged Congress to appoint a Com^{ty} in their lines and send in rations, for the support of our Captives.

Those apprehensions are Justly founded or they would not first talk of preparations for a Mode, All I wish at present is your Excellencies & Council's recommendⁿ to Congress on the Subject, as negotiator for this State, in case such a mode is adopted your requisition is only wanting to effect it

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

I wrote you the 23^d of November last requesting your & Councils Instructions relating to some Beef Cattle I had received from Virginia, which were too poor to be slaughtered this Winter, Viz. whether they should be disposed of by public Sale, or placed out during the Winter among the neighbouring Farmers. I also requested your Instructions relating to the giving out Liquors as part