

Key to forward it immediately 28 hh'ds of which has just arived— December 10  
 and is such infamus trash that M<sup>r</sup> Turnbull who transacts M<sup>r</sup>  
 Ridleys business here will not receive it—and I am of opinion it  
 will not sell for enough to pay the charges. Certainly the Publick  
 is much imposed on—as I have received since my residence here  
 considerable quantitys of Tobacco, from Gentlemen in defirent  
 Parts of the State, and always observe that the Tobacco of private  
 Property, is very superior in quality to that of the publick—you can  
 have little use for Inspectors unless they do their duty which cer-  
 tainly many of them fall much short of—there is yet a few hhds in  
 M<sup>r</sup> Keys hands which I expect up before the frost sets in, which  
 I will dispose of with what is already here on the best terms in my  
 Power—and transmit your Excellency An Acc<sup>t</sup> Sales of the whole.  
 Should you wish to have the sales of what is already disposed of  
 youl please signify it in a line by post—and they shall be transmitted  
 you—the proceeds of your Tobacco already sold has been Paid to  
 your Delegates in Congress—as received. Should my services in this  
 City be of any advantage to the Publick—Your self or connections—  
 You may freely comm<sup>d</sup> Sir Your H<sup>ble</sup> Servant.

[Stephen Steward West River, to the Council.]

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by acedent M<sup>r</sup> tilard Heard I wanted som flower If you will Give  
 me an order for What flower he has If it is good I will give you an  
 order Next friday In baltemore town for the Quantity I Receve of  
 him If you Culd like wise give me an order on M<sup>r</sup> Maccobens Mill  
 for 15 or 20 bar<sup>ls</sup> more If you have any thare it would be as much  
 as would now fill up my vessell and save me and you boath the  
 freight. If this will be Convenent to you I will send you an order  
 for the hole amedatly after noing how much I git

[Joshua George, A. D. Q. M. George Town Potowmack, to His December 12  
 Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee Esq.] (fav<sup>d</sup> by Cap<sup>t</sup> Lingham)

I embrace the oppotunity by Cap<sup>t</sup> Lingham to inform your  
 Excellency that I have never receiv'd the Salt from M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun you  
 ordered him early in Nov<sup>r</sup> to purchase & send to me. I have wrote  
 twice to M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun respecting it, but can get no answer, and have  
 been under the necessity of borrowing thirty Bushels to cure the  
 Beef I have Barrel'd up. I am anxious to replace this Salt, and if  
 your Excellency thinks proper to order M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Beall of this place  
 to purchase, he can readily get it in Alexandria where I hear the  
 Salt is selling at three dollars p<sup>r</sup> bushel.

[John Hanson, Presidt, Philadelphia, to Geo Lee]

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Altho the present aspect of American Affairs is truly favorable,  
 and opens to our view the brightest prospect of a glorious peace and  
 the unmolested possession of the invaluable rights we have nobly