

I have therefor to request that your Honourable Body, will im- December 22
power some person on the spot with sufficient Authority, to call in
such number of Militia as may be necessary, as well as a few Teams
to transport the Officers Baggage—there is several Officers in this
Town belonging to the line of the Army who could be of infinite
service to me in the discharging of this duty, whom I would wish
to take as far as York—but their situation for want of Cash makes
it Exceedingly disagreeable to me, to Order them on Command
unless they could be supplied with a small sum to discharge their
Necessary Expenses

This will be delivered you by Major Bailey by whom I beg your
Orders.

[Wm. McBryde, Comy, Somerset Co^{ty}, to Gov. Lee.]

December 24

The Bearer M^r Thomas Gilliss wates on you for further Orders,
Having on board Twenty Three Thousand two Hundred & Eleven
Weight Beef also Twelve barrels Tallow & one barrel Tongs which
is the last of the Beef Except a few Stray Cattle that will be Col-
lected as soon as possible, am In Hopes you have ordered Salt here
by this Time as I Expect pork Every Day & no Salt to save it

[Chas. Blake to Gov. Lee.]

December 25

By the Plater I send 15543 pounds of beef from M^r Paca's; I
have a load of flour ready on Wye at Emerson's Warehouse of 200
barrels and a great deal of Wheat on Chester but can gett no Vessels
to carry either away having nothing to pay freights with; and if I
press they will go off immediately, the wheat will waste fast. I have
delivered by order of the Special Council a good deal to M^r Rich^d
Tilghman the 4th if Vessels are to be had at Annap^s I should be
glad of two that will carry 1200 bush. each in Chester. M^r Francis
Baker has partly agreed to take a load of flour from Wye to Annap:
but he may decline me.

[Tho^s How Ridgate, Portobacco, to Governor & Council]

December 25

I received yours of the 13 Inst in consequence of which I waited
on M^r Reeder to know the quantity of salt he might want this Winter,
he informed me about 50 or 60 Bushells which I agreed to let them
have on the terms you offer 150 Tob p Bushell.

[The Petition of Mary Preston Unto His Excellency
General Smallwood]

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Letter 19

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner's Husband Thomas Pres-
ton has been now about three years to the Southward Having left