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your Petitioner with three small Children And no ways provided for, so that we all are in a very distressed & destitute way, Your Excellencies Petitioner therefore Humbly pleads Your Excellency would take her truly deplorable Case into Consideration, And be so Condescending as Sign this Petition To the Governor and Council in behalf of Your Petitioner And her Small Children. Your Excellencys Petitioners husband being now Almost Six Years in the Service, And his poor wife & Children never received any Benefit Your Excellencies Intercession in behalf of your Petitioner will be a singular Act of Charity. And Your Excellencies Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

From the best information that can be obtained, the Facts set forth in this Petition are found to be truly stated, and the Womans distress appears to be very great. She is therefore referred to the Governor and Council that some relief may be extended to her.

W Smallwood
Annapolis 30 Decem^r 1781

The Clerk of the County Court is requested to inform the Council what money has been advanced to Mary Preston a soldiers wife

T. Johnson J^r Cl Co.
31 Dec^r 1781

Ann Arundal County ss. I hereby Certify that it does not appear from the minutes of the County aforesaid that Mary Preston has had any allowance from the said County.

Nich Harwood Cl.

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[Chas. Blake to Gov. Lee.]

Y^{rs} of the 14th I this moment Rec^d I have no beef here on hand Col^o Hollingsworth has order'd all off on the Hoofe I have sent all that could go to him only what was att M^r Paca's which is gone off by y^r orders to Annapolis. Col^o Hollingsworth desired some to be fed at the Mills, There are a few now feeding which shall be Kill'd as soon as it can be done to advantage; the Brann and Shorts are 10 miles distant and M^r Shepherd informs that his Vessel can neither carry those or any thing else unless in barrels and those I have not. I have two thousand bus: of wheat here that I wish I could gett away. I shall give orders to send Brann and shorts from Wye where it can be done with convenience by putting it with flour barrels when the Vessels arrive

those feeding are so few that it is not worth detaining the Vessel to kill them and they are growing better every day they shall be sent to Annap: when killed