

about our Shores) I am well satisfied, they will do much damage in this County. If any of the Militia are called on to do duty we shall be at a loss for Bread: Would it not therefore be prudent to reserve a part of the flower that was saved from the Vessels that were drove on shore for that purpose.

[Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

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I have only to add to what I wrote y<sup>r</sup> Excellency last, that M<sup>r</sup> Carmichael mentions in his Letter that the plan for fixing a Post in Chesapeak is said to have been suggested to the Ministry by S<sup>r</sup> Jeff<sup>ry</sup> Amherst & that 3 Regm<sup>ts</sup> of Horse are to be among the troops destined for America. A Committee of Congress have under Consideration the removal of the Convention Troops. I hope soon to have it in my power to inform you of the determination of Congress on that subject.

It will give me pleasure to have an opportunity of executing any commands of y<sup>rs</sup> & y<sup>r</sup> Lady to whom I present my Comp<sup>s</sup>

[Joseph Ford, Leonard Town to Gov. Lee] (Favored by Mr. A. Ford.)

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Four Certificates that I gave for Draught Horses has been Brought to me within this few days the People Requesting I would take them in and Pay them the money Urging that they have offered them to the Treasurer and he would not pay them they Amount to six Thousand five Hundred and fifty Pounds, I should be glad if convenient that that sum of money may be sent by the Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Athanasuss Ford to discharge that Debt; we have a Mill now that Makes good flour shall I have the wheat Manufactured that I have of the Publick what will be the terms I may agree with the Miller on?

[U. Forrest, Phila, to Jas. Wilkinson, Esqr.]

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This will be accompanied by notes for 150 hh<sup>ds</sup> of Patowmack Tob<sup>o</sup> belonging to the state of Maryland which you will dispose of on the most advantageous Terms for their use provided you Can obtain at least £60 p Cent

You will herewith receive a list of Cloathing wanted for Public Acc<sup>t</sup> which you will procure on the best Terms in your Power. You will observe that 26 ream of Paper for Printing Bills of Credit & 70 ream for Printing the Laws & proceedings of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly together with the Soldiers Cloathing are the Articles more immediately necessary after Transmitting to His Exc<sup>y</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> £30000 in Continental Money. The above Business must be executed, in the course of two weeks or not at all. You will write me by the next & the Succeeding Post your Prospects in the execution of this Business