

February 20 tant business; I find the hopes & expectations of Congress very san-  
 Red Book guine on this event. A Letter received by Co<sup>l</sup> Moylan from his  
 No. 5 Brother of the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> from L' Orient gives every reason to be-  
 Letter 56 lieve, as far as a Merchants authority will go, that considerable  
 assistance by Ships & men may be lookd for soon from France  
 Please to present my Comp<sup>s</sup> to Mrs. Lee.

February 20 [Her's Courtenay, Baltimore to His Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

I have just now rec<sup>d</sup> your fav<sup>r</sup> of the 17 Curr<sup>t</sup> Whereby I per-  
 ceive your Inability of complying with my first terms for the Cloths  
 & Stockings. However in Order to shew you how much I wish to  
 Contribute to the General good, that the troops may be cloath'd, I  
 shall propose further to take in payment Twenty Shillings Specie for  
 Every hundred pound curr<sup>t</sup> money. Which the goods may Amount  
 to Agreeable to the prices w<sup>h</sup> I furnished you with some time ago;  
 or as much of the circulating Bills of Credit, as Will purchase such  
 specie and that payable the first day of May next ensuing, Which is  
 going as far as the Nature of my finances will reasonably Justifie me  
 in; you will please observe that the Common mode of settling Ex<sup>a</sup>  
 for the sale of goods is agreeable to the above say 100 for 1 or 1 for  
 100, I shall be happy therefore in giving my assistance to forward  
 the Service & if these my terms are accepted you will please favour  
 me with a line & I shall make up the goods ready for your receiving  
 them; & stop any further Sale of them, untill I hear from you,

February 20 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency,  
 Red Book The Governor.]  
 No. 8

Letter 51 Your Excellency will receive enclosed a resolve of this day rela-  
 tive to compleating the quotas of troops for the Southern Army and  
 furnishing them with the necessary supplies.

February 20 [Leigh Masters, Baltimore To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Excellence, ( the Govern<sup>r</sup>  
 [Indorsed & the Council]  
 "granted"]

I hope Your Honors will excuse me giving you this trouble to  
 beg you will permit me to return to New Providence. I find my  
 Health is affected by my stay here haveing been much indisposed  
 this last week for I plainly perceive both my strength & Flesh de-  
 crease; therefore I fear my longer detention may prove fatal; be-  
 sides I hear there is an Act to oblige all British Subjects to return  
 before March 1782 for as yet I have not been able to get a sight  
 of the Act, if this is the case I fear my Detention may be attended  
 with the utmost Inconvenience to me by preventing me from re-  
 turning by y<sup>e</sup> time appointed, as sometimes Vessels meet with such  
 bad weather in y<sup>e</sup> Winter & Spring as oblige them to go to West  
 Indian Islands. This emboldens me to beg Your Honours will take  
 my Case into consideration & give me permission to return.