

January 7 sidered merely as a Prisoner of war and not as a rebel subject of
 Red Book some one of the States, I have full Confidence that if he should be
 No. 28 indulged with a Parole, he would not violate it
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January 7 [Jos Shoemaker, Baltimore goal to His Excellency Tho^s Lee]
 Red Book May it please y^r Excellency I adres'd a few lines to you the other
 No. 28 day on the Subject of my exchange, expecting they would have been
 Letter 78 handed you by Capt. Murry; as he neglected calling on M^r Landen-
 berger for the same, I presume they have not reached you.

I have been confin'd here a considerable time, as nothing has ap-
 peared to alter my being a prisoner of War, I hope your Excellency
 will allow an Exchange to take place. Excuse me tor saying I found
 this hope in the knowledge I have, of their being a Number of
 American Sea Officers in Maryland, who have been Paroled, in order
 to their sending one of equal rank in their room.

Should your Excellency chuse to wait longer, in order to [see
 wether] any of the Neighbouring States will chuse to send for me in
 that case, I hope your Excellency will allow me a parole for this
 Town & its vicinity, and I will give security if you request it, to
 appear at your call.

Having an ancient Mother residing in the Town of Reading
 Penns^a who I have not seen for some years, could I be indulged so
 far as to be allowed to pay her a Visit—the singular favour shall be
 remembred wth Gratitude. And if my connections in N. York can
 be of Service to any American Officers there, rest assured they shall
 be used for them

January 8 [Tho^s Beall of Geo. for T. Richardson, George Town, to
 His Excellency Tho. Sim Lee Esq^r.]

Your Favors of the 27th & 30th Decem^r last Directed to T. Rich-
 ardson Esq^r of this place, came to hand the 4 & Inst. I am Sorry
 to inform you that there is but little Pork or Beef to be bought
 in this County the Season of the year being far Advanced to
 make a purchace of these Kind of Provisions, be this as it may shall
 do every thing that lays in my Power to procure as much of both
 as to be had, Agreeable to your last orders will send the Beef I may
 buy on the Hoof to M^r Geo. Murdock of Fre^k Town, for the use of
 the Convention Troops, perhaps I shall be able to procure 15 or 20
 in the Course of this week, & believe from the best information I
 can get that there will not any more to be had, if that Quantity. I
 have made the strictest enquiry about Pork, I cannot hear of more
 than Between 3 or 4 M w^t for Sale—which shall engage the Refusal
 tell I can possibly hear from you, the holders of Pork in this County,
 woud sell for 6 of Gold at 90 exchange as there is very little Gold or
 Silver sold here am at a loss to know what is the exchange, but am
 informed to day by a Man from Baltimore that Pork is seling there