

by some Concerned in a manner, that had it been done by me—I should have been Truly ashamed. The Dispatches that there was such Particular Instructions from his Excellency, and the Quarter Master General, to Ride by Day and Night with—was Received at Bush Town the 24th Inst. at 55 minutes Past 9 oClock A. M. and did not Arrive here until 35 minutes Past 5 o’Clock in the Evening. Occasioned by the Letters being Delivered to a Person who lives in this Town—having a Bad Horse, and from all Circumstances not well attached to the Liberties of America. The Dispatches sent on yesterday, was brought by a Person Living at Fell’s Point, and was sent up to me by a Boy on Horse back, who Dropped the greatest part of them on the way, and there left them, until some Gentlemen picked them up, it being uncertain whether they were all found or not. I hope that you will have the Line Strictly Inspected, so that the Trusty Servants of the Public may be known from others more Remiss, in their Duty. For further Particulars I would beg to Refer you to General Gist, who will be Down in a Day or Two, and was present when the Letters was brought to me yesterday by one of the Gentlemen that Picked them off the street.

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[Jos^a Beall, Lieut, Prince G^s C^{ty}, to His Excell^y Thomas Simm Lee Esq^r] February 27

I shuld be glad to know who is appointed to receive the recruits in this County, I have past two who are plagueing the people who engaged them for their Bounty and Accomodations, and the people who has Engaged are as great plagues to me—beg you^d let me know who is to take charge of them that I may deliver them up

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore to the Gov. & Council] February 27

Inclosed is copy of a letter I this day received from Col^o Hollingsworth respecting a supply of Provisions. There is none at this Post except a quantity of Bread which I have desired M^r Donnellon to deliver the Continental Store keeper that he may forward it on this occasion. As to meat it has been with difficulty that I have been able to supply a sufficiency to Issue at this Post for some time past and am afraid there has not been any paid into the County Commissaries as yet

[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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I am favor’d with your Letter of the 26th Inst. previous to which, an Express past through this place with dispatches for Your Excellency. In consequence of the information receiv’d ƚ this Express there appear’d an immediate necessity for at least 1200 Tons of Shipping to be taken up and held in readiness to embark the Troops &c. at the Head of Elk; and the particular exigence of the case induc’d me to order the Commanding Officer at the Fort to prevent all Ves-