

And it is very probable one from Col<sup>l</sup> de Mingen, who Commands the Brunswick Troops & if so, must I think by the date be the enclosed Letter & which fortunately has escaped the flames by being in L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Hill's possession.

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To convince your Excellency of the openness of our correspondence, I have enclosed a latter Letter of L<sup>t</sup> Co<sup>l</sup> Lentz, which mentions his writing by M<sup>r</sup> Wall, the business from it you may well imagine.

I wish it returned, as it is from a Person who has now the Command of the German Troops—& is the first of a good many Letters I shall receive on many Matters & must be preserved on that acc<sup>t</sup>

If anything further is required to gain this poor Devil his liberty or ease the minds of those that are alarmed on this Subject, I will do it with pleasure, not only from the principles of justice & humanity; but from gratitude, for the tiresome hours this man help'd us to pass over in the wilds of Virginia, by acting on a little Theatre the officers erected at the Barracks I have but to add, which I am certain is unnecessary to your Excellency, that I am under Parole

P. S. We have received but two Days meat since my last Letter

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk to Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore] February 27

This comes to inform you that Expect about fifteen hundred Troops here in the course of three or four days from this date are intirely out of Flour and Flesh provisions both Salt and fresh must therefore intreat that you send me all you possibly can. The Troops will want at least thirty days provisions to be laid in at this place and all I have is about 250 B<sup>ls</sup> Bread, as the Troops will want Vessels to transport them to the Southward and as Col. Yates will be applying for them at your Post which will furnish a good oppertunity to forward any provisions you may have to me. Pray dont fail us on this occasion as my whole dependance is on you the several County Commissaries having not got properly fixed to collect provisions in the Spesifick way.

Ile thank you to give me the earliest information in your power of the quantity of each species of Provisions you can furnish this will enable me to know what I shall want which must be had at some rate or other it may not be amiss for you to apply to his Excellency the Governor in Council as that lays in your district perhaps some provisions may be had there.

[Baruch Williams, Head of Elk to Gov. and Council] February 27.

In consequence of information this day received from Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth of a Number of Troops expected at the Head of Elk, in a few days I this moment set out with an intention of supplying this place with as much Provision of the Meat kind as lays in my power, he intimates to me that with respect to flour he is provided