

[George Murdock, Fred Town, to Governor Lee.]

February 28

I have your Excellency's favour of this 20th Instant and am now to inform that Flesh provision is still scarce, all that I have been able to collect lately, has been little more than sufficient for the Guard, The Convention Troops within Ten or Twelve days past have drawn for about Two days only, and upon the whole I believe they are 20 or 25 days deficient in meat.

I have sent to Prince Georges for the Pork & hope it will be here this day. The Seventy Bullock mentioned in a former letter was disposed of before my Express got to the person that own'd them. I am much in want of money. If there is any in the Treasury be pleased to send me a sum by M^r Beatty. M^r Edelen can now give me but little assistance

[Lewis Duvall to Jas. Brice, Esqr.]

[February]

Observing the States horses to be very poor and thinking the States might be willing to put out some To worke for their feed—I take the Liberty to inform you that I would take 2 of them—which I would feed well and use gently as I have a great Plenty of Proven-der or I would sell the State 6 or 8 Cart Loads of oat Straw which is very good and all most Equal to hay.

[Petition of W^m Gordon To his Excellency the Governour and the Honourable the Council of the State of Maryland] [February]

Sheweth that your Petitioner haveing lived in this City for the space of twenty two years and as he hopes behaved himself in a becomeing Manner before and since the Revolusion of these States—And as he is now destitute of Supporting his family for want of Employment—and as your Late Messenger is now dead—Humbly hopes your Excellency & Honours will (if you approve of his late Conduct which he will be willing at all times to Amend) Appoint him Messenger to your Excellency & Honours in the Room of the deceased

[John Smith Brookes to The Hon^{ble} The Governor & Council] March 1

I have your favour last week by M^r Lansdale, and Lament you had it not in your power to furnish me with the Money I so earnestly requested, and stood so much in need off. You order me to continue the purchase with assiduity—tis impossible to purchase without money, and I am not able to buy a single flower Barrel, or defray the Expences for transporting the provisions. I am at a loss to judge from what cause, but few men chose to credit the publick, a preference is given to almost any individual. I have therefore to pray, you will consider my necessity and contrive me a supply of cash by the return of M^r Lansdale