

Sir,

In Council, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1781.

We shall be much obliged to you to take into your Charge and  
N<sup>o</sup>. 99. have closely confined eight Prisoners taken in the active Privately  
from at New York and also Dennis M<sup>c</sup>Carthy the commander of  
the said Privates, the eighth Prisoner above mentioned will be  
delivered to you by Capt Samuel Howard and Capt McElroy is  
out on Parole and lodges with Nicholas Welsh near Colonel  
Brices. You'll be so obliging as to send these for them  
Colonel Adams.

Sir,

In Council, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1781.

As there is a pressing Demand for Provision for the Support  
of the Convention Troops, we desire you to send all the Beef you  
100 procure on the Hoof to Mr George Murdoch in Frederick Town  
and that you forward them as soon as you make up 15 or 20  
in a Drove.

M<sup>r</sup> Patrick Lee Smith

Sir,

In Council, 13<sup>th</sup> January 1781.

We this moment received your Favor of this Day and will  
most chearfully contribute our Assistance on this Day and every other  
occasion to enable your State to repel the common Enemy. We  
100. can supply you with <sup>your</sup> eighteen Pounds and three nines and one  
eighteen hundred eighteen Pounds of Shot and the like Number  
of nine Pound Shot, ten Barrels of Powder, six of Gunpowder and four  
of Musquoch! Dorney and Company have two twelve Pounds here  
with Carriages which they offer to lend. The carriages belonging  
to Gunpowder are so out of Repair that they will not bear them,  
so that it will be necessary for you to send carriages, our Gunpowder  
is lodged at the Head of Severn River. It gives us much  
Concern that we cannot spare you any Musquoch, Field Pieces  
or Carriage Paper, having only a Number necessary for our  
use; in case we should be invaded. We wish to be informed  
of the Progress and Conduct of the Enemy as frequently as you  
possibly can.

Colonel Hovey?