

& probably for further assistance in this matter but as I am not fully posted of what will be necessary to know of this Subject shall defer writing fully until I have a further conference with Doct^r Bond in the mean time am in the greatest hurry Your Excellency Most Obed^t H^{ble} Serv^t

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[Jno Bolton, Chestertown, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee]

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Sir At the request of Thomas Johnson Esq^r our late Governour I have furnished the Recruiting Parties belonging to this State with Provisions, for which I am oblig'd to pay the ready Cash out of my own Pockett; this I have continued to do most of the time since the Commencement of the War, I was in the Year 1777 in advance for the State above two thousand Pounds, above one half of which I lay out of more than a Year & then had it paid to me in Loan Office Certificates, which prevented my supplying my Store with Goods to carry on my Business, but that was not my greatest Loss, the Depretiation of the money was a much greater, & that is now so rapid that I think it is necessary I should either be furnished by the State with Money to Purchase, or Provisions to serve the Soldiers, or must beg leave to decline serving them any longer. On Setling my acco^t in August last I was near thirteen hundred Pounds in Advance, which tho it was but a few months arising yet the Depretiation was so great that it sunk a great part of the Vallue.

I have since that time advanced near five hundred Pounds & that is daily increasing & my Wages since that time will not bear my Expences to Annapolis to settle my Acco^{ts} & the longer I lay out of the money the more it depreciates; I must therefore intreat you will either get some other person appointed to Issue Provisions to the Soldiers, or supply me with money to buy, or direct the Commissary General to supply me with Provisions for that purpose either of which will oblige Sir Your most h^{ble} serv^t

[C. Downes to William Bruff, Esqr Annapolis]

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At the Request of the Court The Court rec'd a Commⁿ of the Peace for the County also one for the Orphan's Court, both came to hand open & unsealed, a few Days ago, And as the Court Apprehend a mistake must be in the Omitting the name of one of their Brethren in the Commⁿ of the Peace for the County Co^t (M^r Clem^t Sewell) whereby they think the Public is injured, and him much insulted, and are of Opinion that his Excellency has been much imposed upon in the recommendation, we also Apprehend that another mistake is made in respect to M^r Chas. Price, who we think is named instead of M^r Jas. Price Kt. Island, as its absolutely necessary there should be two Justices on the Island, And as they think the emergency of business for the Public welfare make it necessary for another Magistrate in the the upper Part of the County, as