

Red Book  
No. 26 the Appearance a Large Quantity must have been taken out but I could find no person who had any charge of it or could give any account of the Quantity delivered. I shall by next Post send a Return of the Sales. I could not sell for Cash at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the price I did & tho I expected your excellency put the Sale of these Articles in my hands to supply me with money I could not think of selling under what was right for the sake of obtaining such a sum of money I got from 12£ to 14£ for the Corn 2 C<sup>t</sup> £ to 75 £ for the flour the money is promised in a short time.

I am frequently offerd small parcels of flour, & as I fear it will be wanting for the french fleet I take the Liberty to mention that I think I could buy near 100 Barrels in a private manner, at something Lower then what must be given if once a Public purchase is known Perhaps I may be able to obtain a month or two Credit if I can be assured then of Cash. I am induced to give this information from the requisition Congress has made, if the flour is want<sup>s</sup> fix the price that must not be exceed<sup>d</sup>

June 5 [H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. G<sup>l</sup> Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee in Council.]

Gentlemen Please to pay to the Bearer Thomas Giles Express Rider one thousand pounds which sum shall be accounted for There is nothing but my necessityes (and those of the Post) could imboulden me to take this method of applying for money, which I flatter my selfe my Letter of this days date will fully satisfy you of, if a Larger Sum can be had shall gladly accept it, am this moment ordred by the Board of war to send a parcil of Stores to Virginia by Land, the Bay being sopus'd not clear of the Enemy. I have not one dollar to supply the waggoners with, though am three months pay behind hand with them

June 6 [George Scott, Fredk Town to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Please your Excellency Agreeable to your Favor of 26<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> which came to hand this day week in the Evening, I have been employ'd in soliciting the Loan of Cash in Town and Country: M<sup>r</sup> Fielder Gantt has oblig'd me in taking to the Treasury what I have collected, Viz<sup>t</sup> 55.630 Dollars. I could have receivd much more, if the people could have been certain of the Receipts being receiv'd by the Sheriff in Lieu of money for Assessments, indeed to some I gave my opinion that the Assembly would pass such a Law. I am much mortify'd that it is not in my power to assist my Country on the present emergent occasion, but such is my poverty, that I have barely enough to satisfy the demands of the Sheriffs.