

June 9 Your Excellency well knows that I have long since resigned the Quarter Masters Office, and I cannot think of resuming it under the present System however if I can render my country any Service in this or any other matter at this critical and alarming period shall chearfully do it being consious that there never was a time since the commencement of this contest when the exertions of the Citizens of America were more wanted

June 10 [Thos. Richardson, Geo. Town, to His Excellency  
Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

Sir By this days Post I received a Letter from Owen Biddle Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy forrage Master Gen<sup>l</sup> & Inclose you an extract of it by which you will see that forrage is much wanting to the northward & like to be still more so. the State of Pensilvania & Jersey have been so much exhausted by the two armies that they Cannot be supported from them, but must look to the Southward for Suplies, the Forrage Master Generall has requested me to apply to the different agents of the State to forward the Forage they have collected, but they would not be Justifiable to send it forward in consequence of my applications. I can therefore only beg you to take the matter into Consideration whether it would not be for the good of the Service to order the different agents, to ship of the Forrage they have on hand, or may be able to Collect as Speedily as Possible. I am confident much depends on their being Speedily Supplied both with forrage & Provision & doubt not but your Excellency & the Hon<sup>r</sup> the Councill will adopt the most Salutary measures, to give them the needfull assistance

P. S. M<sup>r</sup> Becraft has ab<sup>t</sup> 4000 of Corn & Rye & 33 Bb<sup>ls</sup> Flour collected by the commissioners in Cha<sup>s</sup> County in M<sup>r</sup> Mushits hands 1900 Bush<sup>ls</sup> Corn M<sup>r</sup> Dyson & M<sup>r</sup> Douglass have some

Mr. Thomas Beall informs me the late Sheriff of Fred. County has been with him and informed him that he has orders to deliver him what wheat Corn & Rye he Collects, that it will be down in a few days. Should it be found necessary to be Sent to the North ward would it not be more expedient to order Mr. Beaty to send it to Baltimore as the Risque of Shipping from here & the head of Elk would be avoided the difference in land Carriage Counter Ballanced by the difference of the freight & Craft may be more Readily got there to carry it than from hence

June 10 [Holker Philadelphia to His Excellency T. S. Lee]  
Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 28  
Sir I received the favor of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo respecting the 15000 barrels which are to be compleated in the hands of M<sup>r</sup> Smith for the use of the royal marine in consequence of the late assembly of Maryland & with it a copy of your letter to that Gentleman empowering him to purchase flour for this purpose I am sorry