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I am sorry to inform you that from Every appearance we are in a much worse situation then we have bin in this war. a grate Majority of our people seem Determined to give over, and the progress these small Vesels have made, is so fervent to Convince those Ignorant retches that we are on Our Last Legs.

and I am as sorey to Inform you that Very few will take a Shilling of the new paper mony, & the Colectors of the Tax have not yet paid me a farthing towards the Orders you gave me, and had it not bin for the Class mony My Boro. & my self has Rec^d I must have Stopt my purchis: that is now nearly Gone and if the Collectors do not pay me I shal not have mony to start the Cattle I have Ingaged.

When Cap^t Rob^t Dashiell went to Annapolis with the Soldiers & provisions for the Armeey I Lent him Sixteen of the public armes to guard the Soldiers & provision, on his return I Landed them at Vianna in M^r Willeis House, there the Enemy was Immediately Conducted to which they Caried off with all the amunition that was with them. I am inform'd that their is a Number of arms at Talbut. should be Glad your Excellency would allow us to have Sum of them as I have but one hundred before I Lost the 16, at Vianna, Upon knowing of our people having ordered upon Guard the Enemy has run down the sound, out of Our Reach Except we had proper Boats to persue them, if they stay on the Island all our negroes will run to them, & the Life of No whigg heare will be safe. The Vesels now Loaded with public Corn & pork Can't posably go out of the River with out a Convoy, & if it is not sent very soon the Bacon will be grate part of it Lost.

The Toreys heare say that there is a large Imbarcation at New York Bound to this bay: how they get their Intelegence I know not but one thing I will Observe that they always have advice before us from that Q^r

Pray if you intend any more armes & Cartouch Boxes for us please send an order by the barer

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[Joseph Dashiell, Salisbury, to Gov Lee]

D^r Sir I am Sorry to Inform you that a number of these New Ras'd Troops that was sent up to Annapolis are returned into this County and are here entertained by their friends: should be Glad to know what reward is given for taking them up and how they are to be Disposed of after they are apprehended as our Goals will not hold them Several of them that Desarted and never went up is now returned into the County and some of them Gone on board the Enemy's Vesels:

As well as several other Toryes: sum of which I will mention. Col^o Gunbys Bro: Joseph Francis Cheney one Starling Rob^t Lamdon. Geo. Herron &^c &^c and if a stop is not put to these Crusers