

October 18 I had money I have not Rec<sup>d</sup> any money from the Collector as yet five thousand five hundred & fifty Pounds is the Cost of three horses with the waggon & gears I have had them all Shod and Ready for service should be glad to know where to send them furnish me with money and will Engage to buy any Number of horses and waggons without there none to be had.

October 18 [Henry Hooper, Dorset Co<sup>ty</sup> to His Excellency the Governour  
in Council]

Sir On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July last I transmitted to your Board a List of all the Recruits raised and Deserters taken up at that time in this County in Virtue of an Act passed the last Session I have since appointed recruiting Officers in each Hundred to procure Recruits for such Classes as had failed in getting Substitutes at the time limited by the Act but without any Success there not being a Single recruit enlisted by any of them to this time.

I have advertised agreeable to your Excellencys Order in Council of the 21<sup>st</sup> August in order to inform the persons who compose those Classes which have neglected to find Recruits and for which no Recruits can be obtained that they might discharge the 15 p<sup>r</sup> Cent in wheat at 60 dollars p<sup>r</sup> bushell and have just now called on the Commissary of this County who informs me that there has been no wheat offered to him by any of them.

The whole of the Class money which I have received amounts to £16..15..0. I rec<sup>d</sup> your Excellencys Order some time ago to transmit you an acc<sup>o</sup> of the Arms Ammunition and Accoutrements in this County belonging to the State. It is realy out of my power to make this return at present, The Depredations of the Enemy in several parts of this County have occasioned so many Calls upon me for Arms and Ammunition and of course such a Distribution of them, that I cannot ascertain the Quantity we have but believe it to be the Quantity return<sup>d</sup> in a List to the late Gov<sup>r</sup> Johnson in Council, except 12 or 14 muskets ab<sup>t</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> gun powder, some Lead Cartridge boxes and Canteens which were since consumed by fire in the Magazine at New Market; what arms we have are in good repair but from the Situation of this County we are realy in want of two or three hundred Stand more and some Lead

October 19

[Nath'l Potter to Gov. Lee]

Sir Inclosed you will Receive an account of the Little wheat I have Collected for Assesments and on purchase I am sorry to inform you that it has not been in my power To Collect more as the people in General will not trust the publick and when you Sent money for the purpose of Purchasing beef it happened to be of the Emission