

I cannot but assure myself of Success, when I review the Grounds of my Request; and know that your Excellency will not injure my Feelings, the Honour of my Officers, and the Fidelity of my soldiers so much, as by your Denial to declare, that we have only a Right to Supplies of Convenience, & not to Supplies creative of military Reputation and public Service.

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[Jona Hudson Balt<sup>o</sup> to Gov. Lee]

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Dear Sir Last fall I made two Contracts one with M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Buchanan Purchasing Com<sup>y</sup> & one with Will<sup>m</sup> Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> to supply them with a Quantity of flour at certain prices Agreed on, Equal to the money Each of those Gent<sup>n</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> advance me, & I having fully Complyd with my Contract with M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan, & delivered him flour to the Am<sup>t</sup> of the money he has advanced, w<sup>ch</sup> said flour the Different Commissarys have Rec<sup>d</sup> & the Remainder being the Property of M<sup>r</sup> Smith but seized by M<sup>r</sup> Shurman & M<sup>r</sup> Dallam as Commissioners these Gent<sup>n</sup> suppens they will not be Justifiable in delivering M<sup>r</sup> Smith this flour without perticular Orders from you, w<sup>ch</sup> I Request the favour of you to forward as speedily as Possible as M<sup>r</sup> Smith is now in want of the flour, M<sup>r</sup> Smith Informs me that he has wrote to you in this Subject some time agoe but have Rec<sup>d</sup> no ans<sup>r</sup> from w<sup>ch</sup> Sircumstance he Judges there is some Demand, for my part I know of none, I ought have told the Commissioners at the time they Seized the Wheat & flour that it belonged to M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan the Com<sup>y</sup> as I had then made no Distinction between what belonged to him & what belonged to M<sup>r</sup> Smith & the former having Rec<sup>d</sup> his Quant<sup>y</sup> the Remainder properly belongs to M<sup>r</sup> Smith, he having advanced me money to the full am<sup>t</sup> of all the flour I have over the Quant<sup>y</sup> Deliv<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan.

[W. Bordley, Kent County, to Gov Lee]

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Sir My anxiety to promote the recruiting Service, induces me to request that your Excellency will immediately order our proportion of clothing to be sent over the Bay to M<sup>r</sup> Hodgess; should they not be made I can have it done here; I think nothing so likely to expedite this business, as putting new clothing on those who are enlisted. The recruits are coming in, & I believe every possible exertion is made, nothing shall be wanting on my part, & I make no doubt of receiving all necessary assistance in what manner am I to supply the recruits with provisions several Gentlemen here will furnish Meat & flour If a person was authorised to give receipts M<sup>r</sup> Vorhees I am told is commissary but he lives in the upper part of the county & entirely out of our way, should the classes not furnish all the men, money will be wanting to enable me to make up the deficiency, this I think I could also provide if it can be done regularly; as I shall