

Except those rejected, and sold here, are delivered to Col^o Yeates, December 1 and M^r Jacob Hiltzheimer A Q. M. in Philadelphia, so that I have not now one Horse Except the two Express Horses, nor a Cow or Bullock except three cattle part of thirteen which had broke out of my Inclosures and strayed away (which are recovered) hope to hear of and procure the remainder of the others soon in a short time, after which I shall make it a point to wait on your Excellency and Honours with the account

[Jos. Beall, Prince Georges C^{ty} to Gov. Lee]

December 3

Sir I look on it as my duty, to inform you as Supreme Majistrate of this State, of a commotion that hapened in the Town of Bladensburgh a few days ago, which it seems amounted to an intended Riot. A number of people it seems had determined to duck, Tar & feather one Andrew Wailes who is a dealer in town, & one whome the people heretofore have seemed fond of dealing with (tho a person who I believe is no friend to America) it seems they had given him notice to leave the town such a day, otherwise he must abide by the consequences: As the man applyed to me as a Majistrate for protection under the Laws of the country I went to town the day they were to put their threats in Execution, and with the assistance of M^r Henderson who he had likewise applyed to and some other persons, who were determined to support our Bill of rights and constitution, prevented their puting their threats in Execution. I have understood their intention was, first to begin with Wailes, and then to fall on the Other Tradeing people in Town. This is occasioned it seems by the Exorbitant prices they are selling their goods at, and Especially Salt, which is now selling at £200. p^r Bushell and some pains taken by the holders of it to make the people believe it a favour to let them have it at that price for their money, as their whole aime seems to be, to sell it for Pork only, and that at the rate of 100th of pork p^r Bushell. I have heard within this day or two, that in Alandria they talk of 200th of pork p^r Bushell. As pork is likely to be a scarce article, this is no doubt with a view of geting considerable Quantitys in their own hands, in Expectation of geting Great and exorbitant prices for it hereafter for the use of our Armies. It is amazing what strides some wretches will take towards the ruin of their country & fellow Citizens, in order to make money to themselves.

I always have and Ever shall look on Every man who prefers his own private intrest, to the Publick good, not only as Enemies to their country & their own Posterity; But, as viled Rotten members of the community to which they belong, & that they ought to be treated as such, for short the people in general are so opprest by those kind of Monsters in Hughman shape that unless some Salutory Laws