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[Richd. Dallam Lt. Harford County to His Excellency
Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.]

S^r Please to order payment to Cap^t Edw^d Praul for fifteen hundred Dollars due James Phillips in part of his Bounty for enlist^s and which sum I could not Borrow nor by any means get in the County. I Place the same to account of Sr Your Excellency

August 5 [Benj. Nicholson to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir Since the taking in of all our Inhabitants Subject to militia duty, the Balt. Town Bat^l is so full that I was Oblig^d to form 4 New Comp^{ys} after filling up all the old ones. Inclosed is a list of Officers who I have taken upon me (wth the concurrence of the Lieu^t of the County) to recom^d as well for the filling up the Vacancies in the Bat^l as for the New Companies. If they meet wth y^r Ex^{cys} & the Councils approbation please to forward their Coms^{ns} as soon as conv^t Col^o Mole tells me he has resigned & as I am not upon the spot & wish to render our Military Gentⁿ who are out of the Continental Service as Useful as posble think it my duty to give up my rank in favor of Col^o Sam^l Smyth whose Military abilities. I make no doubt y^r Ex^{cy} & the Council will poin wth me in thinking fully equal to the Appointment & in w^{ch} he may render his Country essential Service In the other Appointments we have had the same object in View & have blended the Continental officers in such manner as not to give Offence.

August 7 [J. Bolton, Chestertown, to Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Sir I presented your Order to the Collector & receiv^d for answer that he had made up his Accounts, & paid the Ballance, & that he had then no money in his hands, nor should he have any till the next Collection in Nov^r M^r Vorhees writes me he has no money to buy Provision, could have got a large q^{ty} of Bacon had he had money to pay for it, & I believe I could procure a considerable quantity, & should have done it out of my own Stock, but that is now so exhausted that I am obligd to go in debt for Provision for my Family, therefore can't advance of my own money as I have heretofore done; am therefore greatly at a loss what to do.

I have borrowed a little Flower to be paid in Cash or in kind & quality in Nov^r & am in hopes I shall get some more on them terms, but the Butcher must have money to purchase meat, his stock is almost gone, he may be able to supply them a few days longer & I have but 200th Bacon which I must endeavour to keep till they march from hence, as Fresh meat does not suit at that time. M^r Vorhees had no more Bacon to send me.

Pray send me a list of Rations each Soldier is to have