

seven hundred this Article I think is higher than any other here. August 13  
There is a hundred pair of very good Buckskin breeches offer'd me  
for £75 p<sup>r</sup> pair for ready cash I beleave a larger quantity may be  
purchas'd.

If Flour is immediatly wanted from this county I should be glad  
to receive your orders, for if it is not carried down before the  
farmers begin to seed there will be no getting waggons till that  
bussiness is over neither can waggons be had without cash to pay  
them as the work is done.

[Uriah Forrest to Council]

August 14

Asks approval of appointment of Thomas Gassaway as Principal  
Clerk in the Auditor's Office.

[Wm Hemsley, Queen Ann's County to Gov. Lee]

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Sir By Aaron Ringrose you will receive the remainder of the  
Flour, he has been detained by M<sup>r</sup> Kinnards being at Baltimore, &  
my Indisposition confining me to the House.

I have enlisted 31 men for the Regiment extraordinary, and wou'd  
now make the return of the Arms, &<sup>e</sup> but I can scare hold a pen  
having had a severe Fever on me for 7 days

P. S. I have received six thousand pounds from the Sherriff of  
this County. Money being extreemly scarce many of the Inhabitants  
have applied to me to take wheat for the p<sup>C</sup> due from the classes  
who have not found recruits. It appears to me that a considerable  
collection of Grain might be made if you though y<sup>r</sup>self authorised  
to give me such Instructions. I wou'd order the people to pay the  
Wheat to the public purchaser & you cou'd furnish me with money  
necessary for recruiting. There is ab<sup>t</sup> 76 Musketts in this County.  
I have p<sup>d</sup> the bounty money to all the recruits raised here.

[Eph Blaine, C. G. P. Tappan to Govr Lee]

August 14

Sir The Army is now become numerous and Consumes large  
Quantities of Provisions daily. Our Continental Supplies are quite  
Exhausted and our Total dependance is on State supplies, agreeable  
to the requisition of Congress and their Committee at Head Quar-  
ters. We are now without a Magazine of any Specie of Provisions,  
feed from hand to mouth (on the receivals of this day, depends the  
Issues of to morrow) In this Critical situation is an Army which  
Consumes Twenty five thousand rations daily. A great number of  
those Troops, new Levies which have not be enured to the hardships  
of the field, or want of Provisions in Camp. Under these Circum-  
stances a failure of two days supply might be Attended with the  
most fatal Consequences, which might not be in the power of his  
Excellency the Commander in Chief to prevent. Have therefore in