

[Ben Stoddert, Secy War Office to His Excy Thos S. Lee]

August 15  
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No. 198

Sir The board have the honor to inclose the copy of a letter from Col Blaine, Com<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of purchases by which your Excellency, & the hon<sup>ble</sup> Council will see the prospects of the Army with respect to Provisions & the necessity of the most vigorous exertions of the States to furnish the supplies required of them, but more particularly the Article of flour, of which from present appearances, there will be the greatest want. As the board have not yet been honored with the returns directed to be made to them by the regulations of Congress, they are at a loss to know how much has already been done by your State, they request your Excellency will be pleased to order such returns when circumstances will permit. Meantime they beg leave to make this observation. the very existance of the Army depends upon the supplies by the States, all Continental purchases having long since ceased.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council]

August 15

[Asks repayment of amount Cut.]

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

August 15

Sir M<sup>r</sup> Geo Keepott informs me he has in his possession a quantity of 9<sup>th</sup> of grape Shott belonging to the State, but that he has not rec<sup>d</sup> orders to dispose of any part thereof. I have occasion for 100 nine pound Shot and about five or Six hundred w<sup>t</sup> of grape. If any of those articles are to be sold I'll thank your Excell<sup>y</sup> to give M<sup>r</sup> Keepott instructions on this head.

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County to Gov Lee]

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May it please y<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>y</sup> I am to Inform you that Capt Dashiell will sale this Day or to morer with all the Salted provision that I Can procure and some of M<sup>r</sup> Jacksons and as I Cant heare of the State Boat I must Sopose that she is Return'd to Annapolis if so should Glad you Could send her Immediately Down, as we are Inform Last night that a Large Barge of Sixteen ores had bin up as high as Lader [?] hammock Lucking out for this Vesel Loded with provision, we shall send a Load of Corn from Pocomock this week: We have armed the Schooner with muskits &c the soldiers will come up with Capt. Dashiell

[Richd Dallam, Harford County to Gov. Lee.]

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Sir I have sent under the care of M<sup>r</sup> John Smith twelve Recruits & Deserters agreeable to the Inclosed List having no Gaol in this County we had a Great deal of Trouble with the deserters and have been subject more Escape I suppose then Others.

This County has been Burdend above any other I can hear of we being obliged to furnish a man for every 5660£ worth of Property in the County. from the real security of Cash & want of market