

absolutely refused paying a farthing on that Account alledging the time limited by Law was out for recruiting men and had it not been thro the Perswasions of Neighbours I should not have rec'd any and would enevitably have lost the money I advanced. And altho it is generally believed him and family has lived upon Continental Provision this Two Years past and still does he absolutely refused Issuing Provisions for them men untill I could have an Oppertunity of sending them to Balt^o I rec^d from him by Triffles 1650 Doll^s & when he went to settle with the Com^{rs} thro his Perswasion I gave him a receipt upon the Order and took from under his Hand for 1350 Doll^s due upon that Order. he now refuses settling that Acknowledgement even in Taxes no other Excuse then the money to be Collected is for the States and we Cannot allow it. I on my Passage to Baltimore inlisted Two more recruits with my own money and Delivered them to a Continental Officer and took his receipt.

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I further beg leave to inform Your Excellency that the Two last men inlisted by me namely George Keller and John Campbell was never as yet Passed to the Credit of this County and the Classes is made out without them. there is from Fifteen Hundred to Two Thousand pounds Currently giving for men for each Class Col^o Thompson Lieut of this County and B. Williams his aid was each of them Proceeded taking one of my men for their Class and is now actually Collecting money from their Different Classes for their finding them men and refuses giving me one shilling altho I am 1220 Doll^s out of Pocket for them men I therefore beg Your Excellency will use Your Authority and do me Justice in that Case as I am not of ability sufficient either in Purse or Person to Contend the matter in any manner with them. I beg liberty to Dispose of them to any Class I think Proper and You'll very much oblige

I omitted mentioning to Your Excellency that M^r Hamilton Shff when I Contended for my right in the men struck & abused me much I am very lame in one of my legs so as it is with Difficulty I walk. I have neither money nor inclination to go to Law well Knowing that most favour is shewn to those who has most Money. I should have waited on Your Excellency myself but was not able to bear my Expences but beg Your Excellencys Answer p return of Post as next Monday is the last Day of settling the Classes

[George Dashiell, Somerset County, to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

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Sir Inclosed is a list of the publick arms Ammunition &c in this county as I had two hundred Catridge boxes sent here from Annapolis and when General Hooper was over with the Dorset Militia he ordered a part of them into their hands which was carried into Dorset three hundred pounds of lead was sent to M^r Robinson Steves of Dorchester county for our use, but never came to hand;