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Articles, therefore I have not the Pleasure to promise your Excellency any immediate supply of consequence from hence, but I shall do all in my Power, I have now a Vessel collecting wheat & hope to get her away Aerly next week to Elk with about 1000 Bushels & if I am powerfully supplyd I may Venture to promise as much by Christmas as will make 1000 Barrels of flour 25£ is said to be given for wheat, I have not promised more then 22:10.0 I shall be exceeding glad to hear what is given at other Places as I do not care to depend on common reports it might be of Public advantage if the Commissioner w<sup>ld</sup> write each other the prices they give to prevent imposition as each of us will think our County is entitled to as much as other. I have purchased 15 head of Cattle & as soon as I get as many more will send them to Elk. Our People do not shew a fondness for paying their Taxes either in Tobacco Wheat or Beef a disposition seems to prevail to put off payment as long as Possible since I advertised to receive wheat for the 15 p C<sup>t</sup> Tax neither wheat nor money is paid and as numbers will not till obliged I shall be glad to know if executions can Issue ag<sup>t</sup> their Classes which have not procured men before recruits are obtained for the Classes

Salt is an Article much wanted if your Excellency could send me some or Give me a Credit with any of the Merchants so that I Wuld get What I wantd I should be certain of Obtaining Provisions to the Am<sup>t</sup> thereof & should chearfully take any trouble necessary for the obtaining it.

The Tobacco your Excellency sent me I have not been able to sell with out delivering it at Baltimore Town clear of the Assessments due on it

I am much concernd at the situation of Our Army I assure your Excellency I have not been wanting in my endeavour to procure provisions in the months past, it has cost me much trouble & expence to Little purpose. I wish Our Purchases could be so orderd that no Commissary nor French Agent w<sup>ld</sup> be permit'd to enter into contracts before the delivery of the provisions, I believe this w<sup>ld</sup> prevent Private Persons interfering in the purchase of Grain & be the best way to procure immediate supplys I have sent by M<sup>r</sup> Smith an order from M<sup>r</sup> Wheeler in my favor for 391..13.4 hard money, I should be glad to receive a part if Possible, or to be assured when payment may be depend'd on. I am unwilling to mention my wants for old Creditors, knowing Your Excellency must be much concerned for the want of money but should their be any money in the Treasury so that I could get a little by M<sup>r</sup> Smith it w<sup>ld</sup> greatly assist me.

Your Excellency will Please to favor me with an answer to this & also respecting some deserters I mentioned in my last.