

occasion to fall far short in Payment of the Contract I have made unless my order for Tobacco is Considerably Inceas'd, I must therefore pray that the Bearer M^r Buchanan may be supplied with an order on the Treasury for 100 Hhds. Tobacco—and that I may be furnish'd with an order on M^r R. Dallam for 160 B^{bles} flour which he says he has in his possession, being part of a quantity seiz'd by him & which he cannot deliver but by an express order from your Board. I will thank you to send such order Imm^y

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I cannot procure more Tent Linen than will make 1 Marque 8 Horsemens Tents & 50 Common Tents—they will be ready next Saturday. I Have this Day supplied 60 men at this Post with Clothing.

[Petition of William Tarbutton To his Excellency Thomas Simm Lee, and the honble the Council]

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The Petition of William Tarbutton of Queen Anns County Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner being one of the Militia in Captain George Finley's Company in the fifth Battalion, hath been lately draughted pursuant to an Act of Assembly intituled "An Act to procure Recruits" to serve in the Army of the United States

That your petitioner is and hath been for a long time very sickly and Infirm, and wholly unable to perform the necessary Duties of a Soldier.

That your petitioner when formerly called on for the like Service was discharged by reason of his bodily Infirmities which have been increasing on him ever since. That your Petitioners feeble Labor is the only support to his Wife and Family. That his marching woud only be attended with certain Expence to the Public, without a prospect of rendering any essential Service to his Country in the Army. That the Death of your Petitioners Father on Wednesday the thirteenth Instant prevented his attendance at Church Hill on that Day to lay his Case before the Lieutenant of the County afsd. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that his Case may be considered and that for the Reasons assigned Your Excellency and honors will grant him a discharge from the Army. And as in Duty bound he'll pray.

George Finley
Benj^a Elliott.

[Petition of Rachel Tarbutton To His Excellency Thomas Simm Lee—and the Hon^{ble} the Council]

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Letter 104

The Petition of Rachel Tarbutton of Queen Anns County. Humbly Sheweth. That a certain Richard Ratcliffe hath lately been classed and Draughted in the Twentieth Battalion of the Militia in this County pursuant to an Act Intituled "An Act to procure recruits"