

July 16 without regular Payments, so that he must stop unless he can be paid for it, Your Directions herein will much oblige me, for I am apprehensive that my discharging those Accounts in the Manner I have done, and may hereafter be obliged to do, is not the regular Mode; although I shall venture to continue to do so on many Emergencies, unless you give me positive Orders to the contrary.

[Sam Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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I was Honor'd with a Letter of the 26th Ult. from M^r Brice, ordering returns of Clothing procur'd by me under the Law I answer'd the Letter next Day. But fear from a Letter I had yesterday from Col^o Stone I have been in an Error. I Have Constantly thought my executing your Excell^{ys} first order was executing the Law. If I have Err'd, I suppose I am now too late to be set right. The Troops under the Description of the Law being already Cloth'd.

It would be difficult to procure the Clothing under the Law, The most people having heretofore Considerably assisted the State & there is at present few people possess'd of Suitable Goods here

I Have provided all the waggons except Two & have Expectations to get them. Should I not, five open waggons will be Sufficient to Carry all the Tents now ready, & the other two may follow when the remaining Tents are prepar'd. I think I can pass some of the New Money as Gold & Silver, therefore shall be obligd if I am furnish'd with about two Hundred & fifty pounds The Delay of Tobacco, Its slow sale in Philad^a & the fall of flour has put me into the most difficult situation. Pray send me the New Money soon as possible, I Have now four very severe Duns in the Store.

July 17 [John Smith Brookes, U Marlbro, to The Hon^{ble} The Governor & Council.]

Your favour of the 11th did not get to my hands till the 13th I sett out immediately upon the business you directed, and from a number of circumstances it was not in my power to get the Cattle collected sooner than this day. M^r Scott the Bearer of this has 12 head which he is directed to deliver to M^r John Crisall agreeable to your orders. The Cattle are by no means so good as I could wish them, neither are they equal to what they were when I first collected them—the weather is so exceeding warm, that they suffer very much in driving. The Gentlemen from whom I collect there Cattle entertain an idea that they are to be paid for them in present new money—or they would really refuse the delivery. I shall be very much obliged to you to write me your sentiments upon the matter. I shall sett out immediately upon the Collection of the remainder and would wish to be informed as to that matter. At all events I pray you to furnish me with a sum sufficient to defray expences. I am rendered very contentable in being obliged to transact the business in this manner. It is with diffi-