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coming from the Eastward that will be here this day, I have ordered the Drover to receive what will be collected here and proceed forward to the Army with them—this I have done to prevent any delay that might happen by waiting for Drovers until the Quarter Master here could procure them. On receipt of your Excellency's Letter the Commissary here has sent three small Boats with Flour in the whole about One hundred & twenty barrels, there are no Topsail Vessels here and those at Alexandria have been refused the Q Master who went there on purpose to demand them—I shall make Application for them & hope for success. Should I fail and this Flour be delayed the Army must inevitably want Bread, for this is our only dependence for a present Supply. I do not hear that any Flour or Cattle have yet been forwarded from Frederick, shall write the Commissary for that County and urge him to be expeditious. But in order to fulfil the Expectations of Government and to have the supplies forwarded with certainty and dispatch—I am of Opinion that M^r Calhoun should instantly make a Tour thro' his District, and see that his Assistants do their duty and forward the Supplies so much wanted—by doing this he will have the evidence of his own Eyes, and be able to represent to your Excellency & Council the true State of facts by being possessed of which your Excellencies correspondence with the Comm^{dr} in Chief will be certain on the Subject of Supplies & of course no disappointments arise but what you can advise General Washington, Col Blain or myself of in time. Your Excellency will pardon my pointing to the duty of M^r Calhoun, my greatest wish is to have the Troops supplied, to effect which I shall spare no pains or fatigue myself

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[Lt. Rob^t Denny, Ann^s, to his Excell^y Governor Lee]

Captain Rezin Davis has been requested by Gen^l Smallwood and Major Roxburgh to join & take a command untill the expiration of this Campaign in the 4th Reg^t he being a Supern^y formerly of the Rifle Reg^t yet is anxious to embrace the opportunity of serving his country, as the Gen^l is not returned to Annapolis, I should wish to have your sentiments respecting his receiving a proportion of specie with those officers of the 5th Reg^t if there is none in the Treasury I have a small Allowance in my hand, for those Officers.

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[Elie Williams, Elizth Town, to the Council.]

Col. Barret who resides in the upper part of the County has sent me an Acc^t of 13 men (enlisted under the Act for raising two Battalions of militia &c) one of which deserted on his march to this place which acc^{ts} for his name not appearing on the Enrollm^t & Qualification taken here, however the class will claim the Benefit of having furnish'd a Recruit as they had all sign'd a kind of an Enlistm^t on