

consequence of your order of the 30th August) and if any is to be had, that you will be pleased to forward by a safe hand as soon as possible such sum as your Excellency & Honours may think meet,

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[Eph. Blaine, C. G. P., Philad^a, to Colo Hollingsworth]

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Your favour of the 28th Instant came safe to hand and am sorry its not in my power to furnish you with salt for the purpose of salting what Beef Cattle there remains upon hand. Governments are still In debt a large quantity and you must make application to them for what may be necessary for the above purpose

[Pat Sim Smith, Calvert County, to Gov. Lee.]

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I have delivered 149 Beef Cattle at George Town and 27 at Frederick Town, and have the Quarter Masters and Commissarys receipt for them.

My whole collection will amount to Two hundred & I believe a few over including Seventeen sent first to Annapolis, and a few that would not drive, One of which I delivered yesterday to a detachment of Continental Troops, who were on their march thro. this county to the Northward and were in want of provisions, & two were left in the drove & have since strayed from the places they were left at. However I will endeavour to have them found and taken care of with any others that may remain untill they are Called for.

I have not as yet an Exact Account of the whole collection, but on a rough Calculation think that the whole Beef will amount to upwards of £1400. and as I had your directions to pay the Collectors and Drivers Accounts, which together with pasturage for the Cattle, have proved more Considerable than I expected owing to the depreciation of the money (especially the last drove sent to Frederick Town) I find I shall want about £ Three hundred pounds to pay up the balances now due for the Beef & hope I may be Immediately furnished with it, as the people are in want of it to pay their assessments, and I gave them assurance they should be paid. I am also very anxious to close my purchase and render a General Account of the whole. I must beg leave to assure you that I have been as saving of the publick money as circumstances would admit, and flatter myself my Accounts will be as moderate as any others, considering the Situation of the County, (most of the Cattle being in the Lower part of it) and the distance we had to drive them, with many difficulties attending it.

Should no opportunity offer sooner, Hope the money will be sent me by the Post as I am daily pressed for it.

A large Quantity of wheat has been received for this falls Tax. the wheat at Col^o Fitzhughs Mill, he has engaged to furnish Barrells for, but the remainder with a great deal of the last Springs