

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to the Council.]
(By Mr. Lansdale)

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I sent on to Frederick Town on Friday last another drove of Cattle consisting of about 160 head the greater part of which ware from the Lower Counties—the Expenses attending the feeding and conveying those Cattle together with what I sent on some time agoe has entirely reduced the sum of money you sent me last by M^r Ch^s Lansdale and I am now considerable in debt for the Cattle purchased—the People are very anxious to discharge there accounts with the sheriff and therefore are pressing me for the money. I wrote you some time agoe that the money in my hands was by no means sufficient to comply with my own private purchase and requested you will supply me with a further sum, I beg leave now to repeat the request and that you will intrust it to the care of M^r Lansdale.

There is a prospect of Pork being offered to me in the course of a few days by such as are indebted for Taxes and have not other means of paying them. I am without Salt and consequently shall be under the necessity of refusing any that may offer. I pray you to drop me a line upon the subject. I still labour under very great difficultys ab^t flower Barrels—the Gentleman with whom I had contracted will not furnish me unless I will pay him the hard money—will you permit me to sell as much Flower as will answer this purpose only—? the Barrels are very much wanting both Flower and Pork—the red money will answer only for the purpose of paying Taxes. I shall be happy to have your instructions upon these matters.

[Th. Johnson, Fred^k Town, to Gov. Lee]

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Cap^t Boyer Difficultys to procure wood for the Guard and prisoners have induced him to apply to me several Times for a supply and today Col^o Rawlings came with him. I could furnish two or three hundred cords as convenient as any Body but I cannot do it on credit as I did last year. Any thing which the public would receive of me again will suit me or Hides in Exchange for wood but these Gent. could not enter into any Engagement for either. Capt. Boyer who appears to me to be a very active frugal Officer made me promise to write to you but I suppose you'll have such Information from the different Departments here as will evince that the Guard and prisoners cannot be kept here on Credit.

I have understood that the Office of Surveyor of this County is Vacant I am not very fond of recommending to Office but I believe M^r George Dent who has lived a good while with my Brother James would fill it with Ability and Integrity—if I consulted my own Interest meerly I should not mention him to you.