

January 6 been under the necessity of borrowing and must beg you will forward me about 50 bushels with the utmost expedition. I shall either wait on you or send a messenger in few days for a supply of cash without which I cannot act to advantage. I do not apprehend Pork can be had for less than £3 7 C<sup>t</sup> as it seems to be generally known that the Legislature allows that price in payment of Taxes. Beef from 5 to 6 dollars 7 pound. I shall wait with the greatest anxiety for the arrival of the Salt

January 6 [John Smith Brookes to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Governor & Council]

I did myself the honour to write you a few lines this Morning at which time I thought it would have been in my power to have waited on you in a day or two, but from the nature of the business you have been pleased to intrust me with, find it very inconvenient at present. I have therefore sent the Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson purposely with this reurging the necessity of your furnishing me with about 50 bushels of Salt immediately. I have been under the disagreeable necessity of turning off some meat this day for the want of Salt, and could scarcely borrow as much in Town, as would secure 800 w<sup>t</sup> of meat, which I rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Soaper, on his assuring me that you had ordered him to deliver it at this place. I have to request you will furnish me with a sum of money by this opportunity for the purpose of Conducting the business.

I think it will be necessary to fix a purchaser in the Neighbourhood of Magruders warehouse, as also another at Piscattaway—pray your directions

January 6 [B. Carrole, Surg<sup>n</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> British Reg<sup>t</sup>, Frederick Town, To The  
Red Book Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Carrole, Esq<sup>r</sup> Annapolis.]  
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My friend Brent leaving this place a day sooner than I expected deprived me the pleasure of writing by him to you, I am happy to tell you that he is in the opinion of every one who knows him a most deserving good young Gent<sup>n</sup> I must also beg leave to tell you that he was the Only American officer among us that was taken notice off by Ours, which I believe created no little Jealousy, in fact his gen<sup>l</sup> conduct was such that gave the greatest Satisfaction, yet I must own I am very glad he is out of the Army—the line he was in was no very Virtuous one.

I aplied to the Comm<sup>s</sup> officers here for leave to go & see my friends but have rec<sup>d</sup> for answer that it is not in their power without the leave of the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Counc<sup>l</sup> as it is a matter imediately under your cognizance as a part of the Coun<sup>l</sup> I request your interest with the Gov<sup>r</sup> to extend my parole that I am may have the Pleasure of seeing my friends once more before I leave this country—which I hope is not long having every reason to expect an exchange in two or three