

their grounds of Property

As to Provisions we cannot count
on commanding any, of any description
whatsoever, since my arrival here the
American Govt has refused to allow the
People of Richmond to send a Barrel
of Flour to their Friends at Deepfelling,
though we are lying in the outer part
of Lynhaven Bay, and so strictly are
the Embargo Laws enforced that I do
not believe a single Vessel has departed
with cargo since the Bill was passed,
this probably will not last much
longer, but in all our operations we
must make our arrangements for food
quite independent of what we may
hope

to receive our supplies
be in as good a situation as possible
for obtaining every part of the Chesapeake
except Norfolk and the James & York Rivers.
My only fear is as to their being able
to supply as much water as may be
necessary, the Barrosa & Narcissus however
wintered there last year & I am in great
Hopes that we shall find enough by
digging a number of wells, and if they
should at any time fail us most probably
our Wintering place at New Point Comfort