

[Rob Armstrong, St Mary's County, to Gov Lee]

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Sir Your Publick letter of August last came safe to hand Agreeable to your directions therein, I have done all in my Power to procure for the Publick either Money or Tobacco, from the Inhabitants of this Neighbourhood, but find my Solicitation to be of no Effect; the people Generally complain, that they will be compelled to sell part of their Property, to pay of their Taxes and of Course have nothing to Lend. The damage done me the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August and the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant by the Enemy has wholly disabled me from rendering my Country any Service in that way. I have received of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mackall one crop note and agreeable to the acc<sup>t</sup> for procuring a Loan have forwarded it to the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

[Ben Stoddert, Secry, War Office, to the officer Commanding the new raised Regt of Maryland, Annapolis]

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Sir The board think proper to direct That you proceed from Annapolis as soon as circumstances will permit, on your March to Join the Southern Army by way of Alexandria to orange Court House & from thence by Charlotteville to Hillsborough.

Alexandria being but two or three days march from Annapolis. Your men can take Provisions enough with them to last them thither, should there be no Issuing Post between.

You will write to Col James Wood Commanding at Charlotteville, informing him when you expect to leave Annapolis. & on your March give him information of your movements by every private opportunity, it will not be necessary that you send Expresses.

If on your route to Charlotteville you should receive orders from Col. Wood to halt, or hasten your March you will obey them, & from thence forward put yourself entirely under his Command, but if Col Wood should not find it necessary to alter your destination, you will proceed as already directed.

[Cha's. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee.]

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Sir I receiv'd yrs. of the 13<sup>th</sup> by Col<sup>o</sup> Feddeman and £200, you there desire me to send for Cash when wanting, what I have as yett receiv'd has been so trifling that it was in hand but a few hours. I hope by the first opportunity to receive a sum that will enable me to do something. Many Gent<sup>n</sup> here do all in their power to establish the credit of the money by taking it in preference to the other, and I hope the lower Class will be influenc'd by their example. I believe a very considerable sum may now be passed here by giving part Continental which I shall be able to do by receiving the 15 p C<sup>t</sup> from M<sup>r</sup> Hemsley. In y<sup>r</sup> letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> you mention that wheat must be had on the best terms, but wish it may not exceed one and