

April 10      Marlbro 11 a Clock  
 Tuesday      Meeting with John Bardin going to Annapolis in a Cart for Arms  
 Morning      for Charles. I take the opportunity to send from  
 Red Book      Bowie's Store 4½ R<sup>ms</sup> English Post, 8 d<sup>o</sup> french, 4 R<sup>ms</sup> folio  
 No. 28      Post grand, 3 box's wafers, 1½ doz. Ink powder, 6<sup>lbs</sup> [Osnab<sup>g</sup>]  
 Letter 8      thread, in a Trunk upon good terms.

I have agreed for 150 pair of good strong English shoes at 13/  
 a p<sup>r</sup> in Tobacco at 15/ [illegible] & 4 7 C<sup>t</sup> if you approve it; the Man  
 waiting I have only to add my Respects.

April 10      [Joseph Wilkinson, Lower Marlbro, to Gov. Lee.] (Favor'd by  
 Red Book      Capt. Maynard)  
 No. 32  
 Letter 31

I am informed by Col<sup>o</sup> Smith that he has given you an Account  
 of the Enemy's plundering this place on Sunday morning last, after  
 that they proceeded with the Vessels they had taken & their plunder  
 directly down the river, at the mouth of which they met the two  
 Ships and Brigg that have been up the Bay and Continued down in  
 Company as far as they Could be seen. Notwithstanding this I am  
 informed that a barge came yesterday evening to Cedar point, and  
 last night a House was seen on fire near that place supposed to be  
 M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Sewalls It is more than probable they will return again  
 the first fair wind, and as such depredations have been committed  
 and are likely to continue, I think it absolutely necessary to fix & keep  
 light Guards at different places on the river in order to alarm the  
 Inhabitants of their approach and prepare the militia to act wherever  
 they may attempt to Land—a few men fixed at different Stands &  
 to be allowed to keep good Horses would give such intelligence as  
 to prevent their plundering the publick warehouses and in a great  
 measure the Inhabitants on the Water. Should your Excellency  
 approve of this plan you will I hope impower me to put it in execu-  
 tion immediately & to continue it untill I receive your orders to the  
 contrary.

You will please also to direct Col<sup>o</sup> Smith to furnish such Guards  
 with provisions & the militia also, should it be necessary to call  
 them out

Col<sup>o</sup> Fitzhugh and other Gentlemen of this County had it in Con-  
 templation before the late affair happen'd to apply for four peices of  
 Artillery to be fixed at a convenient place on the narrows of this  
 River, and mann'd with forty or fifty militia from this and Prince  
 Georges County together with eight or Ten select artillary men—the  
 Militia to be relieved alternately—for this purpose they had prepared  
 a letter, which was destroyed whilst the Enemy were here for fear of  
 a discovery I am induced now at their request to make the applica-  
 tion and as time will not allow me to enter into particulars, must refer  
 you to Capt Maynard who is kind enough to be the bearer of this, and