

to the Governor and Council. I confess that I must think that Mr Ridgate had more Goods but what has become of them he best knows. Mr W<sup>m</sup> Leigh is to deliver a well fixt Waggon and geers at any place your Ex<sup>cy</sup> shall order in hire of an Horse, the Waggon he is to purchase up the Country. There are no Bridles or Geers rec'd with the Draft Horses, the bridles which the planters generally work with here, are nothing more then a p<sup>s</sup> of crooked Iron with a p<sup>s</sup> of Rope or Cow hide for head stals and Reins, I have therefore purchased about 30<sup>l</sup> of Rope for Halters. I hope that your Ex<sup>y</sup> will excuse this incoherent scrawl as I can scarce hold my head up having rode with a fever every day this week.

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As soon as the Horses are Del<sup>d</sup> I shall be at Annapolis.

[Robt. Smith, Havana, to Gov. Lee.]

I have the Honor of your Ex<sup>ys</sup> Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> ult. delivered to me in the absence of Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Dorsey, who has not yet return'd to this Place. The Flour of the Cargoe of the Sloop Porpoise, which was something damag'd by being so long on board, arriv'd at a Time when this Market had been already glutted & I have not yet been able to dispose of it, the smallness of the bbls is a considerable objection to the Sale, & I recommend it as worthy of attention, in any Parcel intended in future for this Market, that the bb<sup>les</sup> should at least weigh 2 C. w<sup>t</sup> I do not despair of selling this Flour in a short Time & I shall take the first opportunity of doing it, for the reason, which I have already mentioned, This Article, has been down as low as \$21 & 22½ p 2 c<sup>t</sup> It has lately been rather on the rise & some light bb<sup>ls</sup> have sold as high as \$25 & some heavier at \$27 however I have not been able as yet to get either of these Prices for yours, I am the more easy on that Head because I am enabled, from a Prize bro<sup>t</sup> in by Capt. Weems & from what remains in my Hands, of the Fox's Cargoe, to remit you as much as I think it proper to risque on one Occasion I now inclose you Invoice for 116 Cases, Sugars, 115 Hides & 20 pounds Jalap, which are the only articles of your order that can be procur'd here I have already had the Honor to inform you, in my Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> April by the Fox, which I have the Pleasure to hear is arrived with you, that no Stores or Cloathing could be expected here since I have been here the Families of the City have been without Salt to eat & that article is always very scarce & very dear. I have not been able to collect 5 Pounds of Jesuits Bark & for that altho of an inferior Kind, I am ask'd \$4 p lb. I also remit you \$—— upon this occasion, as since my last Acco<sup>ts</sup> from Delaware are more favorable & because money will turn out nearly as well, as any of the Articles to be had here.

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P. S. I now inclose acco<sup>t</sup> Sale for the Flour of the Sloop Porpoise at \$24 p bb<sup>l</sup> I was afraid to risque the great Heat of this country any longer, as the Flour has already suffer'd from being so long on

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