

## Citation Format

The letters we have dealt with come from two sub-series within the Maryland State Papers collection, Series A and the Scharf Collection.

The full citation in MSA format would be, using Lee's letter to Washington of 7 Oct. 1793 as an example (scanned as msa\_sc\_5458\_51\_2658-5):

MD STATE PAPERS (Series A) Gov. Lee to Pres. Washington, 1793/10/7, MdHR 6636-74-159  
[MSA S1004-102, 1/7/3/72]

A proposed shortened citation, patterned on the format already in use in the *Washington Papers*, would be:

Maryland State Archives: Maryland State Papers Series A (MSA: MSPA)  
Maryland State Archives: Series A  
Abbreviated as (MSA: MSPA) (MSA:A) (MSA:A)

Likewise, Thornton's letter to Lee of 8 Oct. 1793 (scanned as msa\_sc\_5458\_51\_2654-7) would be:

MARYLAND STATE PAPERS (Scharf Collection) Thornton, Edward, Vice Council (BA) to Gov., 1793/10/08, Capture of the "Cunningham" by a French privateer, MdHR 19,999-065-065  
[MSA S1005-69-9174, 1/8/5/51]

Abbreviated as:

Maryland State Archives: Scharf Collection (MSA:S)

As to citation of specific letters: Because the citations used in the *Washington Papers* seem generally eschew the use of long cataloging or collection numbers, I recommend using an abbreviated form of the MdHR number, incorporating the folder and item numbers. Example, using the letters cited above:

MSA:A, item 74-159

MSA:S, item 65-65

These should function as a guide, because different series, items, etc. have information which is important for citation. My goal in developing these shortened citations has been to leave enough information that a researcher would be able to locate the original record with a minimum of difficulty while providing an abbreviated attribution.

## Handwriting and Authorship

Regarding the administrative organization of the Governor's Office. The letters contained in State Papers Series A are the office copies of outgoing correspondence from the Governor and the Council, and were copied into the letterbooks. On the back of each letter in Series A is what amounts to a catalog entry, for example, "Oct. 7, 1793. His Excellency The President of the United States. 102 Ent[ered]." The number, 102 in this case, corresponds to entry 102 in the letterbook for that time period, on pages 241-243 [S1075-9, 2/26/2/24]. The letters in Series A are often, if not exclusively, rough drafts while the Letterbooks are the final version. The Scharf Collection letters seem chiefly to be the incoming letters, and are not copied into the letterbooks.

The outgoing letters from the Governor in the State Papers during the period for which this research request covers (i.e. 1793) appear in at least three different handwritings, including that of Lee. However, the letters to Thornton and Washington are clearly not in Lee's handwriting [Figure 1].

The Clerk of the Council at the time was Thomas Johnson Jr., who had been Clerk since 26 March 1778, replacing James Brookes [[Journal and Correspondence of the Maryland Council of Safety, p. 552](#)]. Johnson was also Secretary of the Council, among several other administrative positions he held at various times (he does not appear to be directly related to Gov. Thomas Johnson).

There are few references to assistant clerks in the Proceedings. The Council hired William Hyde as an assistant for January to April of 1783, to be paid at the same rate as the assistant clerks in the General Assembly [[Proceedings, p. 517](#)]. There are, however, no further references in the Proceedings. Hyde's actual appointment as an assistant clerk is not recorded in the minutes, only an adjustment in his pay. As a result, it seems possible that such subsequent assistant clerkships went unrecorded. It may be possible, however, to uncover more information about assistant clerks with further research.

The Minutes of the Council, the rough transcription made as the Council met, are comprised of several different handwritings. Because they are just the rough notes, the Minutes may provide the best insight into who worked as a clerk, as opposed to the Proceedings and the Letterbooks, which were written more carefully, and by one person only. One of the handwritings in the Minutes does appear to be Johnson's—where entries are "By Order" of the clerk, they are signed by Johnson in his capacity as Clerk, and the signature is in the same hand as the entry [Figure 2]. There is at least one other person whose handwriting appears in the rough minutes [Figure 3], and possibly a third (though someone with more familiarity with 18th century handwriting is perhaps a better judge of that).

While the letters to Washington and Thornton were not written by Lee, it is not readily apparent who they were written by. I suspect that, at a minimum, Johnson penned the letter of 7 October, and possibly the 15 October letter as well. This is speculative, however.

As an aside, the Lee papers contained in [SC 1848](#) do contain several drafts of letters from Lee, but none to George Washington, but not from the time period of this request. There are a few letters to and from Washington, but again, not from this period.

### **Figure 1**

Handwriting of Thomas Sim Lee, in letters from the Lee, Horsey and Carroll Family Papers Collection.

TSL to P. Lee, 18 January 1792 [MdHS 1974, 975-489, MSA SC 1848, M2363]

### **Figure 2**

Example from Council Minutes of handwriting tentatively identified as that of Thomas Johnson, Jr., Clerk of the Council.

Governor and Council (Minutes) 1792-1793, MdHR 1864 [MSA S1073-20, 2/26/2/5]

### **Figure 3**

Example from Council Minutes of handwriting of unknown clerk.

Governor and Council (Minutes) 1792-1793, MdHR 1864 [MSA S1073-20, 2/26/2/5]

### **Figure 4**

Example of writing in Letterbook, also hand attributed to Johnson. Entry 102, at bottom, is the letter from Lee to Washington of 7 October [MdHR 6636-74-159, scanned as MSA SC 5458-51-2658-5].

Governor and Council (Letterbook) 1787-1793, MdHR 4009, p. 241 [MSA S1075-9, 2/26/2/24]

### **Figure 5**

Handwriting in Council Proceedings, the official, finalized version of the Minutes. Handwriting appears to be that of Johnson.

Governor and Council (Proceedings) 1791-1793, MdHR 859, p. 275 [MSA S1071- 28, 2/26/1/24]

② Old Pay as is - in view of the phrasing of the Trust as made by Commission and a further application of the law

Dr. W. 489 New York, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1792

I have long since paid <sup>of your</sup> <sup>debts</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>estate</sup>  
he sees. I instruct you to <sup>return</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>same</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>me</sup>  
as far as according to your request as  
you then believed but lately, looking over  
parcel of <sup>your</sup> <sup>papers</sup>, I found the <sup>fact</sup> <sup>is</sup>  
which they leave to forward by this <sup>is</sup> <sup>sent</sup> <sup>to</sup>  
to the laws of the last year, I sent <sup>it</sup> <sup>to</sup>  
by our mutual friend Mr. Wendell  
my <sup>claim</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>late</sup> <sup>case</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>John</sup> <sup>Dea</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>John</sup>  
to v. the <sup>trust</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>thought</sup>  
<sup>is</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>trust</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>thought</sup>  
justice warranted but in the only <sup>shape</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>in</sup>  
I send <sup>it</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>only</sup> <sup>shape</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>in</sup>  
court. <sup>is</sup> <sup>there</sup> <sup>may</sup> <sup>some</sup> <sup>debts</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>due</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>during</sup>  
the <sup>land</sup> <sup>between</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>late</sup> <sup>Mr.</sup> <sup>Leese</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>estate</sup>  
yourself if so; thus you will think it reason-  
able they should be paid out of the <sup>land</sup> <sup>debt</sup>  
due from Mr. Lee's Estate - The payments  
made <sup>no</sup> <sup>where</sup> <sup>ever</sup> <sup>have</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>made</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>or</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>estate</sup>  
with your statement, they are noted <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup>  
Below,

one of the copies of papers I cannot account  
 for the discrepancy in the quantity by the measurement  
 made under a prior order of 2 1/2 bushels  
 the tract contained 1484 or 1448 acres

Ms. Lee, my daughter & family joined  
 in respect & affection to your lady  
 & yourself with Dear Yr. Mo. Obedt. Servant.

*(Signature)*

Decemr 16<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Recd \_\_\_\_\_ May. Lu. Money  
 £255.0.0

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784.

Recd \_\_\_\_\_ 502.10.0

1784 - 1/2

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1784. Recd from W. Linton 120.0.0.

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1785. Recd from M. J. 633.16.8.

1517.8.8.

Thursday 17 January 1793

The Council met  
Present The Governor  
Mr. Bue  
Mr. Kilty  
Mr. Davidson  
Mr. Pinkney

State of Maryland Council January 17. 1793

The Board being in possession of the Return from the several Sheriffs of the second District consisting of the Counties of Talbot, Queen Anne, Kent and Calvert of an Election held in pursuance of Writs for that purpose duly issued, for the choice of a Representative of this State in the Congress of the United States for the said District in the Room of Joshua Seney Esquire who has resigned, proceeded to enumerate and ascertain the number of Votes for each and every Candidate, when it appeared that the Honble William Hurdman Esquire had the greatest number of Votes - Wherefore it is declared that the said William Hurdman is duly elected a Representative of this State in the Congress of the United States -

Given in Council at the City of Annapolis  
under the Seal of the State of Maryland this seven-  
teenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one  
thousand seven hundred and ninety three

Attest  
L. J. Taylor Secy Council

W. Lee

The Auditor is requested to issue a certificate for the Deprivation of pay to Leonard Gates late of the first Maryland Regiment and deliver the same to the Treasurer of the Western shore who is ordered to pay it to Charles Thompson by virtue of a power of atty from James Gates father & Adminr of the said Leonard

Do. or D. to Nathl Tschudy 108. 18. 0  
specie agreeably to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per account passed by the Auditor the 21<sup>st</sup> instant

John Kelly Esq appeared in the Council Room and qualified before Henry Ridgely Esq one of the Aldermen of the City of Annapolis by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government and Laws of this State, and making and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and Certificate thereof filed

Monday 26 November 1792

The Council met  
Pres. The Governor  
W Bruce  
W. Kelly  
W. Ridgely  
W Davidson  
W Pinkney

The Auditor is requested to issue a certificate for the Deprivation of Pay to Charles Richardson late a private in the fifth Maryland Regiment and deliver the same to the Treasurer of the Western shore who is ordered to pay it to the said Charles Richardson  
Order on D. T. to George Smith 56. 18. 9 specie agreeably to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per account passed by the Auditor the 21<sup>st</sup> instant



the Privateer Schooner Republic, and have in consequence of your communication instructed the Collector for the District of Baltimore to take proper measures for ascertaining the present state of this Vessel as to military equipments and for noticing all such additional Equipments as may be attempted to be made to her during her continuance in Port - He has my further directions to transmit to me as soon as possible the result of his Enquiries and observations in order that I may be enabled to determine what steps it will be proper for me to pursue under the circumstances of the case coupled with the Instructions of the President,

I am Sir,

Edward Thornton Esq.  
Vice-Consul &c

Thos. J. Lee.

Annapolis October 7<sup>th</sup> 1793

Sir,

Your Excellency will probably before this letter reaches you, have received from the Secretary of War a communication which I made to him on the 18<sup>th</sup> September last respecting the case of the Ship Rochester, captured

(and)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1793

The Council met

Present the Governor,

Mr Bruce

Mr Kilty

Mr Pinkney

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> John Shaw

Armourer deliver to Thomas Coulson, James Mosher, John Smavill, John Scroggs, and Philip Mosher Officers of a Volunteer Company of Militia formed in Baltimore town, Seventy five Stand of Arms with Accoutrements, which are to be returned when called for

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1793.

The Council met

Present Mr Bruce

Mr Kilty

Mr Davidson

Informal October 10. 1793.

Isaac Wood of Calvert County by his petition sets forth that he in February 1791 obtained from Thomas Harwood jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> a permit to retail Spiritous liquors until the ensuing term, that he has been fined by Calvert County Court the sum of Six pounds Current Money for retailing Spiritous