

The Representation as to the Prisoner's general Character and Demeanour I have no reason to doubt The Prisoner shewed no Desire of escaping either immediately after the Injury or after the Death of Dunn but was present at the Inquest. I have now complied with your Excellency's request and have endeavoured to detail . . . and circumstantially as possible . . . Excellency will perceive that in some . . . have been obliged to differ from the State transmitted to your Excellency, but whether the Variance is so great or material as to be sufficient to deprive the Prisoner of that Clemency your Excellency is disposed to shew him I shall submit to your Excellency. The Court will not proceed to inflict any Punishment 'till they know your Excellency's Determination.

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I have the Honour to be with the greatest personal regard and Esteem Your Excellency's Determination.

I have the Honour to be with the greatest regard and Esteem Your Excellency's most obedient hum^{ble} Serv^t

[C. T. Wederstrandt, A. C. P., Wye Queens Ann's County to Gov. Lee] February 5

Sir The Zele with which the Commissioners executed the trust reposed in them by the late Law has occasioned the Ten barrels of flour I bought of M^r Hemsley for your Excellency, two bar^{ls} for M^r Thomas Johnson Jun^r four barrels for M^r John Davidson, two Barrels for M^r John Bullen, Two barrels for Philip Key Esq^r & Eight barrels for M^r George Mann, in all twenty Eight barrels to be Seized, and I am informed, I am to be called to an Account for a breach of my Commission as assistant Commissary of purchases for so doing; I do not conceive I am guilty of the charge, as I did no other than procure it for the use of Gentlemen's families who I presumed were to have bread as well as their neighbours, that I purchased at no higher rate than M^r Hemsly sold to the late Governor & Council four months ago, and at the price he then asked me for the Public Service which being higher than I was limited to By Col. Blaine I could not give. however now [it] is Seized and 33 & $\frac{1}{3}$ p^c allowed in Certificate above the price that Gentleman would have sold to me at. I received yesterday an order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for five hundred thousand Dollars with which I'll endeavour to retrace my Character as a Public purchaser, which has suffered much for the want of timely Supplies in Cash, yet will fall short as the Persons I bought of and am indebted to, expect to receive the same prices as allowed by the Commissioners which are now extended to £20 p bush^l for wheat £70.— p^c for common flour and £12.—.— p^c bush^l for Indian Corn. Being informed the Legislature had preserved to the People the right of the alternative to sell to Commissaries or have their wheat &^{ca} Seized by Commissioners, I have at-