

the Ship Defences Cargo which was cleared out at this port, returned, February 29 & relanded here again, this Cargo was a purchase preceding the last years crop partly bought in this State & partly in Virginia. I flatter myself y<sup>r</sup> Excellency will excuse my being this particular, from a wish to prevent y<sup>r</sup> being Led into any mistake on this head, & to Justify my character from any imputations to my prejudice. On the whole you may be assured from the best returns I have yet been able to collect, the Amount of my purchase will not much exceed one the quantity permitted

P. S. the bearer M<sup>r</sup> Ch<sup>o</sup> Johnson, will be so obliging as to call for an answer

[James Shaw to The Governor and Council]

I hereby Certify, that on the 26 Instant a Certain Person who calls February 29 himself by the name of Freeborn Garretson (was brought before me the subscriber one of the Justices assigned to keep the Peace for Dorchester County) as a Fugitive Dissaffected Person, from the State of Delaware, on Examination, he Acknowledged he had not taken the Oath of Fidelity to his State, or either of the United States, and also refused to take the Oath Prescribed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, in an Act entitled an Act for the better Security of the Government. I therefore Committed him to the Jail of Dorchester County, which Jail he is now Confined in.

[Holker, Philadelphia to His Excellency Gov Lee]

Sir In answer to the letter with which you have honored me of the 21<sup>st</sup> february I shall inform you, that so soon as the intelligence of his Exc<sup>y</sup> Count d'Estaing's arrival on the Coast of Georgia reached us & of her firm intention to visit these quarters, it was agreed that every exertion should be made to procure an ample Supply of provisions for his fleet which contained 25000 men & to Cooperate with him: it was determined that M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Smith of Baltimore with the permission & approbation of the then Governor & Council of Maryland should be requested to purchase 8000 barrels of flour with all possible dispatch, 4000 were ordered by my letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of August & 4000 more by my letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> the choice of M<sup>r</sup> Smith was approved of & Governor Johnston pledged himself for his success; in this I believe he has not been mistaken.

On the \* . . . . the Hon: Committee of Congress for the Commissaries departments informed me that in addition to the Supplies for the Army & to those I had demanded from M<sup>r</sup> Smith they had directed the Commissaries on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in

\* This letter to me on the Subject was lately burned with my dwelling House in this city.

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