

May 4

[Ja. Hutchings to Gov. Lee]

Sir Upon my Sloop being impressed the other Day, I wrote to The hon^{ble} Jerimiah Chase Esq^r informing him, that my Sloop was not in Condition to proceed down the Bay, and that I must beg the Indulgence of your Excell^{cy} and the Council for a few Days to put her into better Condition, if your Excell^{cy} and the Council insisted upon her going into the Service. I have since put her into a better State, by having her caulked, and I now send her over for the direction of your Excell^{cy} if she can be of any use to or in the Service. But I fear she will be found too shallow and too small for the Service. My Sloop was going up the Bay, but the Fleet coming down, she proceeds to Annapolis, to receive Your Excell^{ys} Orders

I having received no answer from M^r Chase, I fear my Letter miscarried. I thank your Excellency and the Council for letting my Sloop return Home with the Hay

[George Rankin to Council]

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[Offers to sign currency.]

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

May It Please Your Excellency I Yesterday Took the Liberty of Giving M^r Jonathan Hudson a Draft on you in part for the Blankets Bo^t of him For Two Thousand Pounds At Sight and this Day have Given him another Draft for Thirty Thousand Pounds without Setting and Time for Payment. I Hope your Excellency will Excuse my Freedom as I have no other way of Getting Rid of A Continental Dun

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[Jona. Hudson, Balt., to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir The Bearer hereof M^r Peter Blake will present an order to you from M^r Keyport in my favour for thirty thousand Pounds this Curr^y w^{ch} you will oblige me much to pay as quick as Possible. M^r Blake has come Express from Virg^a for this Money in Order to pay for a Vessel I have bo^t part of the money is already paid w^{ch} I shall forfeit If the whole is not p^d by a certain day, & M^r Keyport gives me every assurance that I sh^d have the money for the Blankets the beginning of this Week, under these circumstances I hope I need say no more to Urge you to pay this Bill

May 6

[J. Randall, Head of Elk to His Exc'y Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir Since writing to your Excellency the 28th April, I have dispos'd of the Mix'd Cloth & Shalloon and have purchas'd white sufficient for fifty three Vests & Breeches which was all I could get