

May 20 good Officer. He is particularly anxious to push to the Southward that he may have an opportunity of signalizing himself. I trust Sir you will excuse me troubling you on this business. Feeling for a young Man in a strange Country destitute of Friends & Money is the only excuse I can urge

May 22 To the Honourable the General Assembly of Maryland the Humble Petitin of Martin Everhart of fredk: County most Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner having neglected to take the Oath of fidelity to this State as by Law he was Injoined to Do, is thereby Burthened with a treeble tax on his property, A Continuation Whereof Will Inevitably Reduce your petitioner to Beggary and the Greatest Distress that your petitioners Neglect in this Instance, Arose Wholly From an Incapacity to Judge, of the nature and principles of Government, or the allegiance due thereto: And not from any Interested Views or Inimical principles; held by your petitioner. That your petitioner is a German, by birth. And did not understand the Nature of the said Oath, But being led by the Example and Influence of Designing men is now Grievously Distressed With the said treeble tax.

Your petitioner therefore most Humbly prays your Honourable House to take his Case into Consideration And to Grant him Relief from said treeble tax in such manner as you in your Wisdom and Goodness shall think meet

May 22 [Jos'a Beall Lieut. D. G. C'y. P<sup>s</sup> G<sup>s</sup> Cty to His Excellcy  
Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

S<sup>r</sup> I shall be mutch Oblidged to you for your direction Concerning the Ammunition in Bladensburgh, I had it removed sometime ago from the Other Stores to M<sup>r</sup> Robert Dicks store in Town where it has remaind ever since; He is now about giving up the house; and desires I would take it to some Other place, that he may have the house clear, the moving it will be attended with some Expencc, besides the rent I Expect I shall be Obliged to pay for a house to put it in, which I dont imagine can be had on any reasonable terms. It would be a very sailable Article at this time, And if the State is otherwise well provided with ammunition, Would it not be more to the Advantage of the State to sell than be at the Expencc of removeing and paying storage for it, The Powder by this must be very weak & not mutch to be depended on, the Lead is as good as Ever, & there is a parcell of very Good flints; Pleas to let me have your Orders concerning it as soon as Possible which shall be Punctually complied with