

September²⁰ by Jiles of not less than Ten thousand pounds, as tis not possible for me to keep the State business alive without it, there remains a considerable Balance due to the Millers, Coopers, and others for Hauling and Manufacturing the Wheat finding Casks &c^a which must be paid or our Credit will be lost, and tis impossible to do business without Credit, must therefore intreat that my hands be Strengthened (by Jiles) shall do myself the Honour of waiting on your Excellency and Honours as soon as I return from Philadelphia. with the whole accounts ags^t the State to this date

September²¹

[Jno. Sterrett Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir I this Day receiv'd yours of the 19th It gives me pleasure to find that there is now a probability of expelling the Enemy from our Bay where they have for some time materially injured our Trade. I wou'd most chearfully doe every thing in my Power that might be conducive thereto. The Barge in which Anderson was taken by Cap^t Folger I intended to have sold as is Customary to ascertain the sum to be paid to the Crew But as this might occasion some detention you'll please fit her out when and as you may think proper. If she shou'd be taken by the Enemy, Lost or materially injured when in Your Service I shall expect to receive Payment agreeable to the present Value to be ascertain'd by proper Judges which you'll please to appoint.

There will not I believe be any Compensation requir'd for the time the Barge may be employ'd, I am principal Owner of the Vessell that Captur'd her and I want none.

September

[Ben Stoddert, Secry, War Office, to Gov. Lee]

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Sir The Board do themselves the Honor to communicate to Your Excellency the inclosed Resolution of Congress directing them to take such measures for the march of the new raised Regiment of your State, and by such Route, as they may judge most expedient for the publick Service

This Resolution is founded upon a letter from Gen^l Green containing Intelligence he received from New York "that the Enemy had it in Contemplation to invade Virginia, and attempt the Rescue of the Convention Prisoners" However improbable this Story may be, the Board think it best, as it will make but a few days difference in the march of the Troops, that the Route of the Regiment should be by Alexandria to Orange Court House and from thence by Charlottesville to Hillsborough, as this Route will best serve to cover the March of the Convention Troops, in Case of their Removal, and they have therefore directed the Commanding officer of the Regiment to proceed by that direction, as your Excellency will see by the inclosed Instructions