

September forded us for want of Inspectors being timely qualified to pay the
22 Tobacco Tax

September [Benj. Nicholson to Gov. Lee]
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I wrote your Ex^{cy} some time ago p^r M^r Chase for Coms^{ns} to fill up the Vacancies in the Balt Town Batⁿ to w^{ch} I have rec^d no answer. The Bat^{ln} consists of about fifteen Hundred men & for want of Officers in the New formed Companies they are totally Inactive. If your Ex^{cy} means to Comsⁿ the Gentⁿ recom^d I could wish the Coms^{ns} were sent as soon as conv^t If not your Ex^{cy} may provide an Officer as Lt Coll as I mean not to Act unless I have a prospect of serv^g my Country wth reputation

September [Wm. Webb Haddaway, Talbot County to Gov. Lee]
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Sir Wee this Day ariv'd from our cruize Without the Dolphin our Expedition has not been very successful as I Expected: had we been Down about 3 or 4 Days sooner we might have Retaken a number of prizes Captured by the Enemy with their barges Who Lay in the Sound. I Dispatch my brother Down a few Days before we sail'd as a Spy to get all the inteligence he posable Could. Which we took up as we went Down on their Return back We proseaded Down as fast as posable wheare we fell in with the schooner sent up by Capt Chambers whom we Convoie'd up to Sharps Isle. from thence Stood to St. Jeromes wheare we took in a fresh Suply of New hands: to prosead Down after some prizes sent Down the Day before. our intent was to get belowe them by the next Day on thursday night about twelve oClock we fell in with three Saile who ameadeatly movd Saile and stood for us our Consort being a Considerable Distance to Lee and was obliged to heave about and fier'd a gun to alarm them We stood up to Wiccomoco and brought too tel the next morning then put out to Look for them. Which We have never seen since we thought it most Expedient to Come up as fast as posable: I find there is a Vast Number Disaffected people on both sides of the bay which Captⁿ Peary Can Relate to you our method to find them out Which I hope your Excelency and Council will favor some way to brake them up they plunderd sever^l houses on portomack a few Days ago. Sir I am Readey to Serve on aney emergency in persute of those Vilens

W^m Webb Haddaway

September [J. Randall, Petersburg to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr]
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Sir The inability of this state to furnish the Waggon wanted, and the pressing orders from General Smallwood to send to Camp the Clothing and Stores I have on hand, Obliges me to repeat my requisition of the 12th Instant for four or five Waggon to be furnish'd from our State for that purpose, my duty as well as anxious