

will go to the use. they were intended for, tho Col^o Yeates wont receive them, for the use of Public Waggon, yet the people will buy them, and do public work with them, which is the Mode M^r Yeates wishes to have the Public business done.

He thank you for your further Directions

[Joseph Dashiell, Salisbury, to Gov Lee]

May it please y^r Excellency I rote you yesterday by M^r Vandam: to which I refer you: but as that was rote in grate Hurry & Confusiton, I will now Indivour to give you a Detail: of the Conduc of Our people at Vianna upon the appearance of the Enemy's Boats which I am informed they saw sum time before they Landed Insted of flying to armes: the Inhabitants more in number then the Enemy: suffer them to Land without offring them the Least opposition; and permitted Twelve white men & Twenty one negro men to Stay at Vianna from about half an hour by Sun in the morning untill Neare 12 a Clock, in which time they Burn'd a new briggentine of Mess^{rs} Rob^t Dashiell & my one. a Vesel Belonging to M^r James Shaw one Vesel Belonging to One Traver: and hove down a New Vessel of Prichet Willeis that was Building and Distroy'd all the Tools the poore man had & did him much more Damage, they Left One new Vesel on the Stock & a sloop Belonging to one M^r Hopkins & I Cant heare that they Ignord any one else at that place Except taking away some negroes, after this they went down the river 3 or 4 miles to Col^o John Henry's whare they gave a Specimen of their savage Disposition, they Broke all the Glass in his house all the Dores his Clock Broke up all his Flores and puled up all his Windscut. Broke his Still Started all his Sider & Brandy & did him a grate Deal more Damage, Caried of Two of his Negro men, and Neare Night, thus Left him and then proceeded down to Damquarter in Somerset County whare they ware Rec^d with open Armes by our people and Carest for the noble acts they had done, I would observe to you that Capt. Joseph Venables of Somerset had notice of their Being at Vianna Early in the morning: by a man that Inform^d him they ware Indevoring to Burn the Brigg^e but I Cant heare of One single man he attempted to race to appoint them. altho it was within five miles of his House. and his Company all in that Neighborhood, if he had have done his duty the whole Damage might have bin prevented, the next morning I was Informed that several more Boats had threatnd to Cum up Pocomock & Wicom. to Take sum Vesels that is Landed with Corn and Pork and to plunder sum of the most Welthy Inhabitants on the Water side. In consequence of which Immediatly ordered out the first Class of the Militia and it is with grate Dificulty we Can keep a guard of thirty men together and many have Refus'd Expressly to march against the Enemy: I should be Glad of sum Express orders from you on that occation.

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