

I am Convinced all our most Valuable Negros will run away Twento ad of them are already gone

pray give Sum Direction a bought the Desarters &c

[Hughes & Williamson Baltimore to His Excellency
Thomas S. Lee]

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May it please Your Excellency On the 16th May ult. we sold M^r Randall Sundry Linens for the use of the State as per bill furnished him amount £5720..12..6 for which Sum he gave us a Bill on your Excellency payable in three weeks which we have once presented but which the State of the Treasury at that time we believe prevented from being paid. the express conditions of the Sale were, to be paid in three weeks and the sum contracted for made good to us in case there should be any depreciation we need not represent the Loss we have sustained from the want of that sum which though small bears the same proportion as a greater, but now hope the Treasury is in a Situation to discharge the Publick debts and beg your Excellency will please to pay M^r James Tootell the sum due us viz

Principal due the 6 th June	£5720..12..6
Exchange then @ 60 for 1	
difference now 15 is 74	1430.. 3..1½
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75 the present Exch.	7150..15..7½
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[George Dashiell, Som't County to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

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Sir By a letter from Col^o Stone of the 13th Ins^t it appears my last to your Excellency was without A date, My inattention however to that circumstance, I hope was not of Great consequence. The counties of Somerset & Worcester are at this time invaded on every quarter by the Enemy's Cargos and tenders, and the inhabitants plundered in the most shamefull manner of every species of Property worth taking nor can the Militia prevent their depredations in many parts contiguous to the water & accessible to their Vessels. On Sunday night last two or three barges on board of which were 30 or 40 Saylor's Tories & negroes, came up Nanticoke river as far as Vienna, Burnt Several valuable vessels, and plundered the inhabitants on the river of their Slaves and Valuable Effects; and on Annemessix the people have shared the same fate; I am informed of A number of arm'd boats being in Pocomoke river, and several privateers are constantly cruising in Tangier Sound (which frequently come to the mouth of Wicomico & Nanticoke rivers To prevent further ravages I have ordered A detachment of Militia on duty, at Places most exposed to their incursions I hope my con-