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[Richd Dallam Harford County to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I am just Returnd from forwarding to Elk forty nine head of Cattle which has taken me up near two weeks to purchase & Collect it so imployed my time that I have not been Able to compleat my returns, but having the Cattle a Way I shall send my accounts in a very few days. As they want very little more then an examination from me. I hope they will not be too late to give Satisfaction

The Greatest part of my Purchase has been made in hard money to be paid at the exchange with Continental & have been obliged to pass my notes & Bonds, for payment The Cattle of this County are not by any means fatt. I got the best I could, A number yet remain that I may purchase with Cash. but do not believe I could get at any Price on Credit as many more in this County therefore if more must be got I must be supplyd with money

I would be more perticular In giving your Excellency further information but M^r Paca waits & he can tell how much I am Hurryd & Fitigued with this Business.

October 28 To his Excellency the Governor, his Honourable Council and the Honourable The Senators and Delegates for the State of Maryland.

Memorial of Legh Master, Captain of a Flagg of Truce, lately arrived from New Providence with Thirty three prisoners of Warr, humbly sheweth.

That your Memorialist, on the Voyage from Providence to Baltimore, sprung his Mast, lost his Top Mast Steel Ankor and Cable; and while lying at Ankor in the Bason at Baltimore, some person or persons unknown, Stole and took away his long Boat. That getting in a New Mast &^{ca} hath been the only means of detaining him longer than he expected, or even intended. As soon as the Vessel was fitted your Memorialist applied to Daniel Hughes Esq^r commissary of Prisoners, who at Two several Times, order'd on board the Flagg Ten prisoners to return to Providence with. Your Memorialist asked M^r Hughes how much provisions he wou'd be allow'd to take for the said Ten prisoners, and his people, who replied, that your Memorialist must have a full sufficiency, but did not direct the quantity. your memorial^t begs leave to remark, that he expended a large quantity of Provisions, in bringing the Thirty three prisoners from Providence, which cost him there upwards of one Hundred Guneas, for which he has not been reimbursed, nor received any Satisfaction. The great uncertainty in what Time your Memorial^t wou'd be in making the intended Voyage (having once been upwards of five Weeks from the Capes to Providence) ventured to give orders to his man, that had the care of his Vessel, to take in Ten Barrels of Ship bread, of one hundred pounds each, Fourteen Barrels of Flour, one Hogshhead & one Barrel of Beef,