

[Joseph Wilkinson, Mouth of Potomack to His Excellency  
Thomas Sim Lee]

Thursday  
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Sir I have this moment the Honor of receiving your excellencies Letters of 8<sup>th</sup> Instant prior to which I had ordered such part of the Militia on duty & at such places as appeared to be the most necessary, and agreeable to your orders shall continue so long as their appears a necessity. The enemy came into Patuxent River on Sunday evening last in force, from the best Intelligence I can collect, three arm'd Schooners one with 8 and 6 & one 4 Guns supposed to be 3 & 4 Pounders Swivells & small arms. they proceeded up as far as Point Patience about 4 miles up the River, and there landed & took possession of M<sup>r</sup> John Parrans house where they brought their Cannon & continued there till Tuesday Morning Sun rise when they Burnt the House & furniture & went on board after taking several negroes & what stock they cou'd collect, which was but little, & took two Vessells loaded with Tobacco about 80 hh<sup>ds</sup>. they then proceeded down the River opposite to Col Fitzhughs, where they sent a flagg on shore requesting a supply of fresh Provisions, that they meant to do no damage on shore if comply'd with, their request was rejected, upon which they immediately Cannonaded the House & in a short time sent two Barges on Shore with about forty men under their Cannon & Burnt the Colonels House. they then proceeded a few miles out of the River where they still continue. I have appointed Guards both on the Bay & River & have taken every precaution I can to prevent their Landing & doing further mischief. I wou'd on their landing advised you but Colonel Fitzhugh informed me he had sent an express for that purpose.

I am to inform your Excellency that while the enemy lay up the River that James Lawder a son of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lawders. and a Andrew Willson formerly a Taylor in Baltimore Town, & tis said an old offender, went on board of them without permission & continued with them one night under a pretence of looking for negroes & on their return the next day pretended they were forcibly detained, from many Circumstances it appears that they gave the enemy such Intelligence which liked to proved very serious by the Capture of our Guard, they are now in Custody, time would not permit of any thing further being done but shall immediately deliver them over to the Civil power.

[Dan'l Jenifer, Stepany, to His Excy Thomas Sim Lee]

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Sir When I was at Ann<sup>s</sup> some of the Council were mentioning something about Barrels but did not tell me the N<sup>o</sup> they wanted me to procure, there is a Gentleman in Port tobacco who has a Cooper and Staves ready seasoned, I shall therefore be glad to be informed by your Excellency, if they must be set about, indeed there will be