

Excellency that the rainy weather and other unforeseen accidents, November  
has prevented those vessels being ready to sail as soon as was at first <sup>14</sup>  
expected. And to advise that they will be ready to sail this evening,  
or to morrow morning at furthest, wind & weather permitting. The  
com. therefore beg leave to request, that wha[t] ever reinforcement  
may be ordered to Join them on this expedition, may be directed to  
hold themselves in readiness; with your Excellencys instructions for  
their government; commissions will be wanting for the several offi-  
cers on Board.

[Don'l Yeates, Elk, to Gov. Lee.]

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Sir If at a leisure hour it would be Agreeable to you to pass a  
Sentim<sup>t</sup> on the Propriety of a Quarter Masters Post at Your city  
and if I don't ask too much a proper Person to transact the business,  
as I am not well Acquainted at Annapolis it will be thankfully  
Acknowledged; M<sup>r</sup> Bullen who is a Gent<sup>n</sup> I am unacquainted with  
has Signified to me he has laboured under disadvantage to his pri-  
vate interest, in past transaction of Public bussiness but has not  
expressed reluctance of Continuing to Act; if invested with means.  
I have not since I have been Appointed had means in my hands to  
do business on and have Appointed no officers but at such places as  
where they were in the Actual receival & delivery of Stores I wish  
to Avoid every expence in my Power at the same time to Omit no  
duty that can be Serviceable it will give me real pleasure to be As-  
sisted at any time or on Any Occasion in Advice

[Sam. Smith Balt. to His Excell'y Gov. Lee]

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Sir Since my Return here, I made proposals to M<sup>r</sup> William  
Smith, respecting the Loading my Brigantine according to my pro-  
posals to your Excell<sup>y</sup> the offers to furnish the flour wanting, you  
engaging to supply the Money in time to replace it, or furnishing  
him with Tobacco Notes to the Amo<sup>t</sup> on good Warehouses at £50  
& 4 p Cent. If your Excell<sup>y</sup> approves of this plan, the most imme-  
diate Dispatch may be given in Eight Days after the Enemy leaves  
the Bay, your flour may be on its Voyage. The Brig I propos'd is  
that now equipping against the Piccaroons, She is equal to any be-  
longing to this Port.

Perhaps the Arrival of the Fox may put your trading finances into  
a better situation.

[Mordecai Gist Annapolis to His Excellency Governor Lee]

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No. 3  
Letter  
No. 30

Dear Sir I beg leave to address your Excellency and thro' you  
Sir, The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The General Assembly of this State on the Subject  
of Gen<sup>l</sup> Greenes requisition, and in performance of my orders, to  
press its speedy & effectual execution