

December 5 property will be scarce one sixth is not the Article hard which Claims one third. I flatter myself your Excell^y will see this in the Light I do & alter it before the Brig sets sail.

The time before the Ice generally sets in, is so short, that it would be in vain to attempt loading her by immediate purchase. I have therefore borrow'd the flour & flatter myself the Treasury will be soon Capable of furnishing the Money to replace Should there be Tobacco Notes in the Treasury, I Hope we shall have a preference to them before other Claimes

December 6 [Wm. Herbert, Alexandria, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir Capⁿ Conway being from Home, I Have the Honour To Acknowledge the rec^t of your Excellency's Letter to him of 1st Ins^t by Jeremiah Clifford, from whome M^{rs} Conway Rec^d (for your Acc^t) the sum of £24784..7..6 Your Curr^y for which he has got her Rec^t

On Examining the Bundles I found a Deficiency of five hundred & Seventy five Dollars in N^o 13, the list of which you have inclosed, By it I Expect you will be Able to find out the Person who paid it you As these are the Initial letters of his name marked thereon. I have made notes of the Error in the Margin of the List, but least they might not be sufficiently Explained, have added a Copy at Bottom

Instead of 29 Bills @ 50 but 28 9 d^o @ 45 but 2 54 d^o @ 30 but 47

December 6 [Wm Whitely, Caroline County, to Governor and Council recommends Philip Carson to succeed the deceased commissary of purchases for that county.]

December 7 [Rich'd Mason, Caroline County, to Gov. Lee.]

S^r Our number of Magistrates in this County is reduced to six and them not well situated in the County to do the Business, and as we sopose your Excelency to be onacquainted with the People of this County we did at our last Court since the Deth of M^r Potter consult one another who we should recommend to be aded to the Commission that would best answer the purpose of doing the Publick business of the County and did agree that if M^r Thomas Goldsborough should meet with your Excelencys and Honours approbation, to have him first mentioned in the Commission and Mess^{rs} Thomas Nowell Zebulon Potter and Joseph Dugless to be aded to those allready in the Commission

December 8 [David Poe, Balt. to His Excellency Governor Lee.]

Sir If your Excellency has now on Hand the Tobacco that you had in the Warehouse at this place, when I last had the Honour of