

December 21 pose you request And M<sup>r</sup> William Neil has a Brig of 6 Sixes & 8  
 Red Book four pound Guns with Muskets Pikes &c compleat which he tells  
 No. 126 me he will sell to the State very cheap. She is new, only made one  
 Letter voyage, and esteemed a very fine Vessel  
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December 22 [William Hyde to Gov. Lee]

Then came Elija Sturgis before me one of the Justices for Ann Arundel County and made Oath that on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of the present Month, on his way up the Bay he was attacked and captured near Sharpe's Island by an armed vessel called the Suky commanded by a certain James Ridley, That he was landed on Sharpe's Island and staid on Shore all Night in Company with the Captain and Lieutenant of the above mentioned Privateer at the House of one Crier. That during his Stay among the Enemy he saw several of the Islanders bartering with them giving Provision for Salt but cannot recollect the Names of any them

December 22 [John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Governor & Council.]

Gentlemen Having for some time past been without any of your commands, I am much at a loss to satisfy the enquirys of many of the neighbours of this place and inhabitants of the County, who have Beef, Pork, Corn &c for sale; and have therefore taken the liberty to pray your directions on that head.

I have for these several years past purchased and cured at this place, from twenty to thirty thousand weight of meat equal, if not superior, to any raised in this state; many parts of the County abound pork, so that I should immagine not less then Sixty thousand weight of meat might now be had, and more had the purchase began at the usual time

I pointed out in a former letter the necessaty for ordering the Commissarys to engage a number of Barrels, but never had your answer on the matter, much difficulty I fear would now attend these being had & a very great risque attends the meat laying over a proper time in Bulk. I shall allways with great pleasure and thankfulness execute any commands you are pleased to Honour me with

December 23 [Stephen Steward to the Council.]

Honnebell Gentellmen Plese Let M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Easman have the one Hundred Pounds of New munny I have now an oppertunity of Parting with it and agree to take it now @ 80  $\pi$  C<sup>t</sup> as I promised

NB I had a letter from Stephen he tels me the Sloop will be Redy to Com Down tomorrow I shuld be Glad to Com up when she is at Anapolis as I want to se the Captain to Give him some little Instructions as to the Sloop as I am better aquanted with the Bay