

be cancerous, in which Case, the utmost precautions should be used, August 24  
and the best advice be had upon the occasion, as soon as possible.  
I presume also to say, that I think an immediate Journey to the  
northward, in order to avoid the diseases of the present season,  
which might hasten its progress, would contribute in no small degree  
to her relief W. Rogers  
Kent County Maryland Aug<sup>t</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1780

[Matt. Ridley, Baltimore to J. H. Stone Esqr.]

August 24

Sir I was duely favored with his Excellencys Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Curr<sup>t</sup> Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> was received in my Absence.

Capt Berry never applied for the Goods, or they would have been  
sent by him.

In the Account rendered there is a mistake in the quantity of  
Shoes as you will see by the Acco<sup>t</sup> now sent which makes the am<sup>t</sup>  
£41.281..17.6. There are Still fifty pair of Shoes over the 700  
which I must beg the favor of you to order up here as they were  
reserved for a particular purpose. M<sup>r</sup> Pringle not knowing the cir-  
cumstance sent the whole down

The 12 l<sup>bs</sup> Thread shall be delivered to your Order. I must take  
the liberty to remind the Gentlemen of the Council that I expect  
strict punctuality in the payment for these Goods. They are charged  
at the same price which I sell to Shopkeepers to retail & who pay the  
money. M<sup>r</sup> Chase knows my reason for selling them to the State  
was solely to render a Service, having known several Instances  
where the Agents have been obliged to buy of those I had sold to  
with a heavy advance; being thus actuated I rely on Council to pre-  
vent me suffering

M<sup>r</sup> Chase & myself had some Conversation about a purchase of  
Linnens, in which I offered my Service; but if I undertake any busi-  
ness of the kind I must be furnishd with money. Indeed I offered  
to do the Agents business for the Troops generally provided I could  
be enabled to fulfill the Engagements I entered into. without which  
I must suffer as a Merchant. To be candid my own business takes up  
much of my time, and I am therefore not sollicitous for the State  
business farther than that if by devoting some of it, I could render  
any service to the public it would give me pleasure.

In consequence of M<sup>r</sup> Chase's request about Linnens I wrote to  
Phil<sup>a</sup> At that time none were to be procured. I am informed a prize  
is carried in there with some on board. But nothing can be done  
without cash.

[Chas Blake Corsica to His Excellc'y Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

August 25

Sir I receiv'd y<sup>r</sup> Excellency's order on our Collector and shall  
in a few days make a return of what wheat I have got the private