

further depredations. We beg leave to assure your Excellency, and the Honourable Council, that in making this application, we are solely actuated by a sense of duty, August 29

[Robt. T. Hooe, Alexandria to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] August 29

S^r I received your Excellencys Letter of the 28th and Communicated it to Col^o fitzgerald, the only Gentleman in this town, who has a Vessell in Port beside myself. He has a Brig. Pierced for Guns, but they now lye on James River & cannot be got up, she is nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{ds} Loaded with Tobacco and has not yet her compliment of Men. I have a Brig deep Laded with Tob^o not yet fully Manned, mounting 8 three Pounders & not well fitted for an engagement. This being our situation both Col^o fitzgerald and myself are of opinion no assistance can be afforded from hence for which we are extremely concern'd too well knowing what has been and may be the consequence of the Enemy being suffer'd to go unmolested in Chesapeake Bay.

[Geo P. Keepports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

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May It Please Your Excellency I Received your Letters of the 24th & 25th and Made Application to M^r William Smith for the 260 Shirts on the order of Madam Lee Mrs Smith Informed me that the shirts were not yet Finished and would not be before the Latter End of this Week She Informed me at the same Time that the Ladys of the Town had passed a Resolve not to Deliver the Shirts before they had sent them to Head Quarters She has Wrote Madam Lee About the Matter.

M^r William Smith had Bo^t 200 Ready made shirts for the Continental Service which he has Spared on Condition they are to be Return'd Again when Wanting. M^r Isaac Griest did not Receive The Letter you sent him (before Yesterday for Procuring Vessels when he was Informed the Troops were Mostly Gone from Annapolis he has a sore hand which makes him Incapable of Writ^g himself Desired I would Inform your Excell^y That he sent But one Vessel and was Afraid that wou'd be too Late as his Letter was so Long Comming. Inclosed is the Invoice of Cloathing I have Now sent Directed to M^r John Muir) which is all the Ready made Cloathing with the 200 Shirts I got of M^r Will^m Smith that I have Except 8 Bolts Ozna^{bgs} that was not made up and 20 Blankets which I Did not send

[Tho. Richardson Georgetown to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r]

August 30

Sir Your fav^r of 21st came duly to hand with notes for 12 hh^{ds} of Tobacco & some Blank Certificates & have sold 10 hh^{ds} of Tobacco at the price limited which will enable me to make easy some of the