him, or if Security should be required for his appearance, that he September 4 may be conveyed to Dorchester County where he will give such Security as shall be directed.

Your Petitioner prays that he may be discharged from custody, without paying any Expence, and that his Boat may be restored to him

[Aquila Browne, Queen Ann's County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

September 4

Sir Your Letter relative to calling on John Browne, Richard Tilghman Earle, William Bruff and Jacob Ringgold Esq^r for Cash and Tobacco lost the State came to hand yesterday, and have wrote to the Gentlemen requesting their Immediate Compliance and as soon as rec^d shall speedily get it into your hands. I have used every endeavour to borrow money and Tobacco for this State but in vain, but still shall continue and use every method in my power to Procure what I possibly can.

[Address from Sundry Inhabitants of St. Mary's County to His September 4
Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r Governor of the State of
Maryland and his Honourable Council]

May it please your Excellency & Honours We the subscribers in behalf of ourselves and others Inhabitants of this County take the Liberty of addressing your Excellency and Honors on a Subject (as we conceive) highly important and Interesting to every true friend to this State.

The Dangers we are exposed to daily, from our Enemies, who have lately robb'd several of the Inhabitants between the mouths of Potowmack and Patuxent Rivers of their property, calls for immediate assistance, not only to protect us in our property so openly exposed, but likewise that of all those who shall or may attempt to transport their Effects to, or from any part of Chesapeake Bay. We therefore hope and make no doubt but your Excellency & Honours will take this matter under your consideration and endeavor to redress our Grievances, by ordering some Vessells properly equipp'd, to cruize, as soon as possible in said Bay, for the purpose abovementioned.

We also beg leave to recommend to your Excellency and Honours one Thomas Price a resident in this County (who we are fully convinced from his Knowledge of the Bay, of a Vessell, his Conduct, Activity and Spirit) would exert himself in Annoying, taking, or destroying the Enemy, who, we are informed, intend seizing all our property they can; and if not timely prevented, will, in all probability, render us incapable of supporting our Families; For an Ac-