

March 4 Whaland's Father Informed One of our Neighbours that he Let him go at large sum time before he Came away if this practice is followed no one will venture to take any of them up and send them forward as they will be there to suffer for it, If I had Direction to go into Somerset, I think I could apprehend him, he has lately robed a Certain Thomas Reucker who I think would assist me to Trap him

A few nights ago. M^r Plannor Williams was plundered of a great part of his movable Property, by only nine men, who we have Reason to believe ware all Islanders, and as long as they stay there, so long that will Be the Case, there is not a week, that sum of our friends are not robed by sum of those Retches under Color of Belonging to the British Cruisers, whenever your Excellency & Council propose to Remove the people and stock of the Islands should be Glad to assist with all my heart as I consider them at this time the most Dangerous Enemy we have to watch the Motions off—and am Certain if they Can do us no other Damage they will rob & Plunder all they Can before they are removed.

February 20 [R. Stevens, Cambridge to Joseph Dashiell, Esq. Worcester Co.]

M^r Dashiell has applied here for some Cartouch Boxes & Gun flints there was nothing Came here (as I understood by M^r Middleton) but what was for the use of this County, Except some Lead which was for Caroline County, Neither was there any Letter nor Memorandum from the Governour and Council to any Person here Respecting the Articles sent.

NB. Should any come to hand shall take care of them

March 4 [George Dashiell, Som^t Co^{ty} to Gov. Lee.] (Fav^d by Mr. McBryde)

I am sorry to inform Your Excellency that it has become absolutely necessary to call out a number of our Militia to protect us from the ravages of the enemy sundry of the inhabitants of this county within a few Days past have suffered much by parties either from british Cruisers or the inhabitants of the largier Islands (tho' I believe the latter) as a number of them are well known by persons that they have plundered. A detachm^t of thirty men is stationed contiguous to Green Hill warehouse to prevent their plundering it of the public tobacco a considerable quantity of which is deposited there and should an attempt be made on that house I am apprehensive they would succeed in it as I have not confidence in our Militia when call'd out by Classes Salisbury is 12 miles distant from Greenhill warehouse A place of Safety and houses sufficient for the reception of the tobacco it may if Judged necessary be conveyed by water, and will be attended with little expence and trouble, I have considered it my duty to inform your Excellency of the danger which I apprehend there is of loosing it if not timely removed. Our Militia when