

time, which is to be trusted to send it by; I have therefore inclosed you a List of all the Tobacco in my hands, and the Different Quantity's at each Different ware House of both Crop and Transfer, with the Number weight and Date of each Hogshead, which I hope may answer your Purpose for the Present. the Greatest Part of which I have received since the first of this Instant. As to the money in my hands which is about One hundred thousand Pounds Continental & Convention, I received last week from the Collectors of Talbot, Dorset and Somerset is all the money in my hands except £50 in Specie received on Loan the Continental & Convention I suppose is to be exchanged for the new Continental State Bills but when you sent me the new money to Exchange, you Omitted sending me a Copy of the Act, by which I was to Exchange it (and which I desired the Guard to mention to you) and have never yet been furnished with one—and therefore have been obliged to Exchange the money all together upon Hearsay which if rong, I hope will not be said to my Charge, whare People have brought in Continental & Convention I have Exchanged it at one for forty to the Amount of 440971 60/90 Continental Dollars. 7871 60/90 dollars Convention and 30½ dollars old Maryland money, and as I apprehend there will be a Considerable Quantity of the new Bills remaining on hand on the fifteenth of this Instant (which time I am told it must be returned to the Continental Treasurer) if so, Shall be glad to be informed by a Line from you, what Guard may be necessary for me to send with it to Annapolis, as also the Continental & Convention which I have Exchang'd

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I suppose the Different Collector's Bonds will be put in Suite immediately and therefore; shall be glad to be inform'd wheather I am to Continue receiving from them any parts which they may hereafter offer, without the whole Principal due and the Interest thereon being paid down the Collectors all seem very Desirous of Settling their Balances and say; they shall be able to make a final Settlement by the General Court (except the Collectors of Cecil & Worcester which I have not seen nor heard from since August last. I presume the last Assembly has enjoyned many duties on the Treasurers, and therefore shall be glad to be furnished with the Acts of the last Sessions in time.

[Capt. Alex. Murray, West River, to Governor Lee]

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I have this moment heard of a Prisoner now in Baltimore Jail that was captured by the Porpoise on her Course down the Bay, & reserv'd for a Cap^t of M^r Stewards, which Cap^t has now return'd & at Liberty, M^r Steward informed me that with your approbation, I may get him & as there is now a good opportunity of sending him down to Virginia to be deliver'd to Arnolds hands I shall esteem it a great favor if you'll have the exchange settled in my behalf, theres at present a wide feild for me to be employed in & wish most fer-