

receiving a price for the Grain and they accordingly took off between nine hundred and a thousand Bushels of Indian Corn and on Monday Morning last proceeded down the River when they came up to Vienna they left a Privateer Brigg at the mouth of Nanticoke, one of the Sloops they brought up to Vienna mounts fourteen Eighteen Pounders of the new Construction We kept up a party of the Militia while they stay'd and they very punctually complied with the Terms of their Capitulation These Vessels are foraging for Arnold and as they were disappointed in the Quantity of Grain they expected to have got on Nanticoke and from Hints I hear they should have dropt I have Reason to think they will be in Choptank or Wicomoco River within two or three Days, They say, there are about forty flat bottom'd Vessels building at Portsmouth on a new Construction & they want Plank for them, they have taken two or three plank loaded Boats in Nanticoke. I wish our Craft from the lower Counties of this Shore could be restricted from carrying Lumber and Grain up the Bay for some Time as some disaffected People may perhaps dispose of their Loading to the Enemy

March 13

[Roger Nelson to Coll. Uriah Forest, Annapolis] (p Cap<sup>t</sup> Price)

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D<sup>r</sup> Coll<sup>l</sup> I shall esteem it a very singular Favor if you'd have the money drawn and lodged in the Hands of Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Price, that has been voted me by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of Maryland for the purpose of defraying expences from and to S. Carolina, upon the Buisiniss of the Southern Prisoners of the Maryland Line. It is absolutely out of my Power to be in Annapolis myself before it set out for the Southward.

[Rich'd Howly, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

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Inclosed is a Majors brevet for M<sup>r</sup> E. Giles, a Gentleman of your State which has been voted him by Congress for his Merit & Services. I do myself the honor, of transmitting it to your Excellency; with a request, it may be forwarded with convenient dispatch to the person for whom it is intended

[Garland Callis to Gov. Lee.]

March 14

I have taken the liberty of writing a few lines on the subject of my very disagreeable Situation. I labour under every disadvantage particularly that of my not having the Honor of being acquainted with your Excellency or any of the Honorable Council—and am Totally at a loss to conjecture what I can have done that renders such a situation necessary. Whatever act I may have committed I'll declare on my word and Honor has been done thro ignorance, and could wish my hart and sentiments as open to you and the