

[Col. Wm. Hemsley, Queen Anns County, to Gov. Lee.]

March 14

About 2 oClock to day I rec^d a Letter from Col^o P. Tilghman informing that the Enemy landed at Col^o Lloyds this morning at 1 oClock and plundered him of all his plate money Cloaths &c & then went to Beal Bordleys who shared the same fate, they were 12 in Number; in two Barges. They used no violence to either of the Families, but kept the Col^o safe until they had done their Business least he shou^d alarm the neighbourhood. I have just rec^d a letter from M^r Edw^d Tilghman, to whom M^r Paca writes from the special Council that Col^o Lloyd informed them, that ab^t 1 oClock he was attacked by ab^t 20 or 30 refugees who came in a Barge & plundered him to the am^t £5000 hard money and M^r Paca's Overseer says M^r Bordley had scarce anything left. Col^o Lloyd lost 7 negroes and M^r Bordley 3. I have not been able to collect any Intelligence where the vessell lay, that the men landed from, therefore concludes they must have rowed up from Poplar Island. M^r Matt. Tilghman went from the special Council, with 50 men well armed & one feild peice down to the Bay side. I shall get out the Classes for this County tomorrow & hope you'll have some person ready to receive the recruits should any be obtained.

P. S. Charles Blake has upwards of 100 bb^s of flour at Emersons Warehouse & a Vessell came up to take it away last Night, I think it would be risking too much to send it by water, & if the Enemy send up an Armed Vessell they can get it all.

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I do myself the Honor to enclose your Excellency M^r Mercers last letter.

M^r Custis writes me from Richmond on the 11th Curr^t as follows. The accounts from the Southward are very pleasing, a Letter from Gen^l Greene informs that he was only 6 Miles from Cornwallis with a superior force, and respectable reinforcements within a small distance Greens Cavalry not equal to Cornwallis's in number but superior in goodness. Nothing of moment had happen'd between the main Armies frequent Skirmishes which have generally terminated in our favor—the Enemy are much harrassed particularly their Cavalry which are almost broke down. We are hourly expecting to hear something Capital from the two Armies. Greenes Letter was dated on the Haw River ab^t 30 Miles south of Hillsborough Arnold is closely blocked up in Portsmouth—his stay there must be short, every preparation is making to dislodge him—he sent a party of 300 Men the other night over to Hampton under a Col^o Dundas, who pushed as far as the half way House between York & Hampton and collected about 90 head of cattle, on his return he was attacked by a Col^o Mallery with 40 Militia who recovered most of the Cattle