

purpose of forming ourselves into a Troop of Light Dragoons on the Terms prescribed by the Law; and we take the Liberty to recommend Doct^r Philip Thomas to be commissioned as Captain, & John Ross Key Esq^r as Lieut to the Troops by your Excellency and the Honorable Council, we shall use every exertion to equip ourselves with all possible expedition and shall acquaint your Excellency & the Honble Council as soon as we have everything ready.

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We have deferred recommending a person for Cornet until the number of subscribers is increased.

[Rich^d Conway, Alexandria, to Gov. Lee and Council]

January 12

(p^r Mr. Langdon)

I Received the Eighty Thousand Dollars by M^r Langdon which you have Credit for, and would Acknowledged it By the Post, But Expected Langdon to have gone over Before this. I hope it will be Convenient to send the Ballance by him, which is Realy wanted

[Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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(Favd By Mr. S. Steward)

I Received your Letter dated yesterday and shall be Attentive to the Contents your Excell^y will Please to send me up some Continental Money as it is Impossible for me to Get Workmen to do anything for New money

[Geo. Murdock, Fred Town, To Governor Lee]

January 12

The Twenty Hogsheads of Tobacco by Doct^r Schnebely I have rec^d, which I hope to be in cash for in a few days, at the price I mention'd in my last, However that will be very insufficient for the demands here, as I still can make but little or no use of the new money. I am sorry to inform your Excellency that our Stock of meat is now almost out and that I apprehend but a small quantity more can be collected in this County. I have Rec^d no assistance from the lower Countys except Montgomery Six small Cattle, every exertion in my power shall be made use of, for the Accommodation of the Guard & Prisoners here

[John Peyton, Hooe's Ferry on Potomack to Gov. Lee]

January 12

As a friend to the cause of America think it my duty to warn my Countrymen of the danger that may threaten them within my knowledge; Give me leave to inform you Sir, that having the honor to command the Militia of the county of Gloster, on my way in returning from Baltimore, met at this place an Express in persuit of me by which I am inform'd, the traitor Arnold with about 16 or 1800 troops under his command, entered the town of Richmond, on friday last, destroyed all the publick buildings with four Stores, carrying