

[Norm'd Bruce to Gov. Lee.]

March 19

The Bearer M^r Mungo Fairlie, a native of Scotland being lately made acquainted with some Family incidents, which requires his presence in the Place of his nativity, as quickly as possible, is therefore desirous of going by way of New York. I Venture to recommend M^r Fairlie to your Excellency & the Gentlemen of the Council as a Person to whom, that Priviledge may be granted, if admissable to any, for as M^r Fairlie has, ever since Sept^r 1776 been a near, and intimate neighbour, it has furnished me with an opportunity of knowing his Conduct, which I can safely aver, to have been entirely in offensive and quite agreeable to all his neighbours, who to a man, are all Zealous Friends to America. Should their be any impropriety in this Adress your Excellency will do me the Justice, to attribute it, to my ignorance, and a desire to serve a good neighbour and one I verily believe to be a worthy man.

[Wm. Sanders, South River, to the Council.]

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Yesterday Evening the Barges from the Ships Chased a small Schooner Boat a shoar at my Landing on the Bay and By firing Signall Guns from the Boat the Barges retur'd and Quitted the schooner—wee this morn^g got the Vessell of and Carried her up the River—and also about dusk we saw a Canoe which Came a shoar with the Bearer Thomas Donnock and his Brother a Small Lad—the said Donnock Goes to the office with money to Exchange—he sais he lives in Dorchester County on the Eastern Shoar—he is well known to M^r James Tootle and M^r Joseph Dawson—they Can answer for him as he sais.

he has a Good deal of Con^l Money with him

[Thomas Williams, Prince Geo^s County to Governor Lee]

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I have sent up the deserter agreeable to your Orders. M^r Henderson Committed him by the name of Lucas Ives, of the Pennsylvania Line I refer to the mans own Account for particulars,

[John Smith Brookes, U. Marlbro, to The Hon^{ble} The Governor & Council.] (Favour of Capt. Trueman)

March 20

Your letter of the 7th instant did not reach me 'till the 17th which will account for your not hearing from me upon a subject so important. I proceeded immediately upon the execution of the business you gave me in charge and have collected about 20 very fine Cattle, and am in hopes in a day or two I shall be able to collect the whole quantity mentioned I beg you will give me your orders immediately, where I am to have them driven to, as your letter does not express the place. I have of my purchase about two thousand weight of salt provision on hand exclusive of what has been sent forward to