

January 12 off the Records & Publick papers, and by Intelligence from deserters, they intend up this River to Anapolis, and Baltimore, hearing by a Gentleman, of your State, that you have rec^d no express from Virg^a on this head therefore take the liberty to give you this information, that necessary steps may be taken to prevent your State having the same unhappy fate, am told by the Express that the Goverⁿ & Deligates had like to have fallen into the hands of the enemy, they have allso destroyed the Foundery when this Express came away Gen^l Nelson with 1500 Militia was endeavouring to cut them off from their ships, God grant he may effect it, have only to beg you will excuse this freedom.

[Indorsed "The within being on Publick business, of consequence to the State of Maryland Mrs. Young is therefore requested to send by Express."]

January 12

[S. West, To . . .]

I think there are State Arms in the hands of Contractors.
 Peter Keener of Baltimore
 Peter Lettigg I believe of Balt.
 James Mey for 50. delivered 15. q^r of Hartford
 Jacob Reaser of Frederick County
 Jacob Schley for 10 Rifles p^r Contract. Frederick
 Nicholas White of Fred^k Town
 John Yost Fred^r or Montgomery County.

January 13

[John Smith Brookes, U Marlbro, to The Hon^{ble} The Governor & Council]

I have to acknowledge the Rec^t of 50 bush^{ls} of salt sent me by the Waggon. 25 of which agreeable to your orders shall be forwarded to M^r Beall at George Town as soon as a Cart or Waggon can be procured.

I lament the quality of the Salt, apprehending there is danger in curing meat with it, however I shall make use of the greater quantity. I have not been able to receive more than one thousand weight of meat arising from the want of salt, do not suppose the quantity sent me will be sufficient and therefore by you will forward me another load as soon as possible. I fear it will be difficult to engage Beef on the hoof as the hide & taller seem to be an object of much Consequence to the sellers. I hope to get a good deal to be salted

January 13

[Matt. Ridley, Annapolis, to the Governor and Council]

You having been pleased this day to promise your exdeavours to procure me a Bill of Exchange for £46,281 Continental Currency due Ridley & Pringle when the Exchange of Bills was forty five for one I take the liberty of having this Letter to serve as a