

March 22 is now desirous to leave the State, in the manner that he has lived in it, which I understand to have been candid & inoffensive; and if so, being entitled to a different treatment from those who have behaved in a different manner, I with pleasure introduce him to your Excellency; petitioning you & your Honourable Council, for leave to pursue a duty which it seems he owes to his Relations since the death of his mother, by the way of N York, if it can be consistently allowed of; if not, for leave to depart the State by the West Indies, which in case of his being taken by our Allies may assist him greatly in passing to his native country, and on the ratification of our Independence, may introduce him more honourably, in case of his desiring to become a Citizen of the State, than if he went privately away. But if neither of his requests can properly be granted, I hope mine will, that this letter may give no offence to those whom I so much respect

March 22 [Jos^h Merriken to Hononb^{le} J. H. Stone Esq^r in Council]

I shall be glad to have by the Bearer forty Musketts and accoutrements and his Receipt shall be good.

P. S. it appears difficult to furnish the Guard with Salt provision a few days Longer—M^r Govane has a Quantity of Salt meat but wont sell without ready money for further Particulars Enquire of M^r Boone.

J M.

March 23 [Corn's Garretson, Baltimore Town, to Gov. Lee] (p. Mr. R. Key.)

Your Word to me when I was last in your City, and had the Honor verbally to petition your Excellency for Thomas Horn's not Horner's Pardon, I know you think binding. Let this therefore be the Form of a Petition for that Purpose. As to Keith, whom your Excellency was so good as to promise me a Pardon for also, he being an Accomplice; broke the Jail above ten Months ago and has not been heard of since, but I knew nothing of that when I ask'd your Excellency to Pardon Horn.

N. B. It was in Horn's Power to make his Escape at the Time Kieth went off and would not.

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[Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed, two Acts of Congress of the 16th & 23^d Instant, directed that all Debts liquidated in or contracted for Specie Value shall be paid in Specie or other Money equivalent according to the current Exchange compared with Specie.

Also recommending to the several States to amend these Laws making the Bills of Credit emitted under the Authority of Congress a legal Tender in any other Manner than at their current Value compared with Gold & Silver.