

The Annapolis & Baltimore lay at Baltimore & the Conqueror here—the above sum is not more then the cost of the Iron Work in them. March 29

[John Smith Brookes, U. Marlbro, to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Governor & Council.] (By Capt. Clegett) March 30

My necessity presses me again to urge the favour, of your supplying me with a sum of Money about £500 would pay my debts and enable me to send forward the Beef to Frederick, I have not a shilling even to pay the drivers expences to Frederick or I should have sent them off before this—my cattle are now all collected and I shall send them off on Monday if you enable me to pay the Expences of driving.

[Thos. Johnson Esq. Fred<sup>k</sup> Town, to Gov. Lee]

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Col<sup>o</sup> Wood just now called on me and shewed me the late Resolution of Congress respecting the British Convention Troops from which it seems we are still to have them in our State at such place as our Executive may direct. I think he told me that he should inclose you a Copy. Inconvenient as it is to have them in our State at all and disagreeable as it is to the Individuals who are in the same Town with, and it is not more so to any Body than myself I should not have so much Repugnance to their being here if I did not believe the public Safety eventually in Danger we are too near the Water peopled and armed as we are to have such a number of the Enemy with us at a Time when every Thing points out the views of the British to be against Virg<sup>a</sup> and this State. As the prisoners are to be removed from Fort Fred<sup>k</sup> may it not be proper to remove the conventioners to that place a push for their Release would not so probably be made or if made so likely succeed. Col<sup>o</sup> Wood keeps it a secret that the Officers and men are to be separated and designs to do so till things are ripe to prevent a great Desertion which he is apprehensive of if they know any thing of the late Orders. I flatter myself that you'll excuse my delivering my Sentim<sup>ts</sup> on this subject I would not be thought to obtrude them on that or any other we have Reports of two actions between the ffr. & Brit. in both which it is said the ffr. got the better though the British are in the Bay. I am afraid from that Circumstance all is not well and am anxious to hear the Truth of it.

[David Poe, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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I receiv<sup>d</sup> your Excellencies orders of the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant, and in compliance therewith I have sent Twelve Waggon Load of flour Containing 119 Barrels the Invoice I have inclosed to the Com<sup>sy</sup> of Issues at your City. There is several Impressed Vessels laying here at expence Would be glad to Know whither I may Discharge them or not