

Mrs Youngs Ferry, and plundered her of her most valuable Effects; at 2 o'Clock friday morning this town was alarm'd with an Acc<sup>t</sup> of two barges being at the Ware house, possibly they being apprized of an Alarm being given was the means of preventing any damage being done either to the Warehouse or town from thence they proceeded to Walter Hanson Esq<sup>r</sup>. pillaged himself and family of every kind of wearing apparel and other valuable Effects & carried off his son Sam<sup>l</sup> a Lieutenant of the State Regiment and exceedingly insulted the whole Family. They then moved to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Matthew's and committed the same Devastages, and then removed farther down and shewed an intention of Landing at G. B Causin Esq<sup>r</sup> which was prevented by the appearance of some Militia who had march'd from this place; from thence they proceeded to the Elegant Seat of Geo. Dent Esq<sup>r</sup> and after having plundered him retired; But being strongly Reenforced with three additional Barges; they again Landed and reduced to Ashes all the houses in the place save the Corn house which happened to stand at a considerable distance. The Evening of the same day some Barges were sent into Nanjemy Creek where they took out a Vessel Loaded with Indian corn and returned to their Vessels without doing farther damage. Yesterday (as is supposed) upon observing some people busied in removing tobacco from Cedar point Warehouse, they immediately fell down and secured it; by lying three Vessels in such a manner as to Subject any person opposing 'em to a Cross fire from the Vessels: However some few of the Militia march'd down and attacked their Centries by which one of their Men was killed. The situation of these few Men being too dangerous they retired. Many were busied all night in getting the tobacco on Board their Vessels, which they perfectly Effected, having only 2 Hh<sup>ds</sup> in the Ware house and a bulk of unprized tobacco belonging to the State. The armed Schooners still lay at Cedar point. Two Ships and two other Vessels are standing up the River; Their object manifestly is plunder, and We are by no means prepared to prevent their Designs taking Effect; having an extant of coast but few arms and less amunition. I have it therefore in order from the Col to request Your Ex<sup>cy</sup> to forward some musquets powder and Ball Cartridge paper and if possible two or three small field p<sup>s</sup> well mounted upon light Carriages. The Militia seem Ready and willing to Act with vigour if supplied with the means.

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[Matt: Ridley Baltimore To his Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee, Esq<sup>r</sup>] April 8

The Troop of this Town are informed the State have some Trum-pets—their endeavours to procure one have hitherto been ineffectual. They will esteem it a favor to have the Loan of one of those you have & will either agree to replace or pay for it if desired: and beg as a farther favor it may be sent up the very first opportunity.