

April 11 [Geo: Lindenberger, Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

This afternoon Col<sup>l</sup> Smith of Baltimore town deliverd me a Letter from Richard Dallam (which I here send inclosed) and a Certain Cromwel therein mentioned, on Suspition that he had bought flower to send it to the Enemy by John Paul. In Consequence of this information I have Comitted s<sup>d</sup> Cromwel to the Guard house, as I do not think the Goal sufficient, waiting your Excellencys further Orders,

April 11 To his Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> and his Honourable Council.

The Humble petition of Vachel Robosson Humbly Sheweth That your petitioner on the fourth of this Instant came to Town in a Wood flat of Joseph Maccubbin and same day a Barge with armed Men took said flat from Your Petitioner by force of Arms and your Petitioner Asked them who wou'd pay for her, in case she sho'd be damaged or Lost, & they informed him your Excellency wou'd make good any change that the flat should Sustain—now your petitioner is informed that said flat was drove down the Bay on Sunday in that Violent Wind and your petitioner is afraid she is gone to peices—now your petitioner wou'd be glad you wou'd indulge him with one of the State Boats in order to go & Look after her & soe to indeavour to get her Back if Possible as it wou'd be a Secret Satisfaction to your Petitioner & a means of safeing a Small Ex-pence to the State and your petitioner as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray &c &c. April 11<sup>th</sup> 1781.

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[J. Rogers, Thos. Contee, Joseph Sim, Upper Marlbro,  
to the Council.]

The depredations committed by the enemy on Patuxent between this place and Swansons Creek has rendered it necessary to supply the Companys below with all the Arms that were lodged at this place for the Marlbro Company, this has been done we are informed by the order of Col<sup>o</sup> Beall, who it is said has all the rest of the Arms & all the Cartridge Boxes on Potomack, where in all probability they will be wanted. At present there are no arms in the hands of the Militia Companys on Patuxent from Bell air to Swansons Creek except the above 30 nor any cartridge Boxes. Col<sup>o</sup> Beall the Lieu<sup>t</sup> is at a distance. Under these Circumstances we take the liberty to request the assistance of your Excellency and Honors in supplying the Militia here with a reasonable proportion of Arms & Cartridges.

One hundred of Arms and one hundred & fifty of Cartridge Boxes of which we shall give an immediate account to the Lieu<sup>t</sup> There appears a very good spirit among the Militia to exert themselves if they had arms and a Number are well disposed and desirous to put themselves on Horse back, could they be furnished with 20 or 30 Horse mens swords, which might be sent with the rest of the