

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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In Consequence of Gen. Buchanan's Orders I have drawn out all that part of my Battalion of Militia which live in Town M^r Calhoun will have Inform'd your Excell^y that there is not at this Post more than Ten days Meat. M^r Keepert Informs me there is very little Lead in this Magazine; but that 1000^{lbs} may be bought in this place. He also tells that he has no Money to provide wood for the Guards, to pay for Repairs of Carriages on the fort which will not bear firing without he says he does not Act in the Quarter Master Department & M^r Poe refuses the Duty of State Quarter Master, such person is necessary, particularly as Gen. Buchanan has thought it prudent to order out Cap^t Moores Horse, who will when on Duty want Forage There are Two Comp^s of Militia in Patapsco Neck who would more Conveniently Guard the North Side of Patapsco than my Battalion one of my Companies at the Fort, another on Fells point & the necessary Town Guards, will be sufficient Duty for my Militia. There are a great Number of Dissaffected & others who refuse to bear Arms, Indeed to whom it would be dangerous to trust arms, & whose situation Capable & willing to do every Injury gives great Discontent to those worthy's who turn out on all & every occasion, they demand that such persons (where there is real Danger) be order'd at least 30 Miles from the Town, this is the general opinion & I imagine if your Excell^y Cannot take such Step, that it will be done in an Illegal Manner

I inclose your Excell^{cy} a Copy of M^r Richard Dallams Letter, in Consequence of which I seiz'd John H. Cromwell, who was by M^r Lindenberger Committed to my Guard, thinking it safer than the Jail. John Paul & 4 others are Carried on to the Marquis, whose Mode of Trial no doubt will be very summary, perhaps Cromwell would be better Examined there Should your Excell^y think so, a Guard from Cap^t Moore's Horse can go with him, I Beg your Excell^{ys} attention to our want

[Rich'd Dallam, Abingdon, to Mr. James Calhoun, Merchant, Baltimore.]

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It appears by the deposition of Major W^m McPherson that John Paul came on Board the Brig Nesbitt taking her to be a British Vessel, and Informed them that he had two Vessells loaded with Flour ready to be sent on Board on his return, one of the Vessells we have secured, the other went off commanded by W^m Groves, before the Major arrived, the Flour on Board this Vessell I am Informed was Bought by John Hammon Cromwell of your Town & most certainly prepared for the Enemy I have therefore tho^t it proper to give you the Information that Cromwell may be apprehend'd on suspicion, John Paul & others all now prisoners with the Marquis & I hope