

April 11 that a discovery of consequence will be made, I have long suspected
 Red Book that Paul was carrying on a Trade with the English but am Con-
 No. 27 vinned that he was only made use of by others
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[Thos. Sprigg to Gov. Lee.]

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Agreeable to your request I have Attempt'd to March the recruits from this Co^{ty} to Fred^k but they to a man Contend that they were promis'd a suit of Cloaths before they left the Co^{ty} and therefore refus'd to Obey, to Attempt any Violence would be thought Elegal, and Attended with desertions, I am much Pester'd with them for Provisions there is neither Beef nor Flour here, I hope some person may be Appoint'd to take Charge of And to furnish them with Provisions, Captⁿ Price a Cont^l Officer is in this Co^{ty} and says he was direct'd to take Charge of the rec^{ts} I would be glad to heare from Your Eccel^y as soon as possible, the Bearer waits I am in haste

April 12
 Thursday
 12 o'Clock

[Stephen West, Woodyard to His Excellency Governor Lee in Council] (by Lansdale's Boy)

Very indifferent Health and Variety of disagreeable Circumstances, have prevented my being at Annapolis; as I intended—every white Man of my family capable of bearing Arms are marched with the Marlbro Company to Potowmack. I am informed that several of the Enemys Vessells were yesterday at or near Alexandria but did not land any Men there; one large Ship ran aground near M^r Digges wharff & lies there—most of the Inhabitants on Potowmack near the River—Hanson, Roser, Magruder, Digges & others, I hear, have abandoned their Houses—so have those on Patuxent, from Perrys to Nottingham; & alarms are hourly spread of the approach of the Enemy & of their depredations on both Rivers. I wrote to your Excellency yesterday, that the Militia of this County, on Patuxent, have no Arms, but 30 of those I delivered; all the others & those which have been sent from Annapolis are engaged on Potowmack; wherefore there is a pressing necessity for an additional Number of Arms & Cartridge Boxes for the use of the Militia Companies on Patuxent; I shall endeavour to see Col. Beall, the L^t, & the Field officers of the Battalions this Evening on Potowmack & advise with them as to some regular plan of defence for the County, which is at present alarmed & bewildered more, than you can at a distance, perhaps, imagine. I have a Confirmed Account that 2 or 3 Boats with Men from the Ship aground near M^r Digges Wharff said to be of 50 Guns landed yesterday Evening but were beaten off by a party of Militia there under Lyles—I have sent to him for intelligence which as soon as I receive I will forward by the Post or otherwise. I have seen a Man who saw the ships go up yesterday Afternoon 4 ships a top sail schooner & Barge—