

[Henry Lowes, Chatham to Geo. Dashiell Esq.]

April 20

I was at Coll^o Scotts this Evening when I mett with Cap. Lyons on his Return from your house Coll. Scott Inform'd you had a Lett^r from Leigh Mastus Esq^r to me which he sent that you had Orderd M^r Mastus Sloop to be Brought up I shall now Agreeable to the Dictates of Humanity, Inform you off all I Know Relative to M^r Mastus as his being brought up here wou'd be very Hurtfull to him—When Last at Balt. M^r Mastus Inform'd he should by Permission of the Gov^r Shortly come down Asked me in Comp^y where there were several Gentⁿ whether I coud furnish him with some Stock Cyder Brandy & Vegatables for his Voyage to which I Replied in the Afermittance. This is all I know ab^t the Matter, Coll Scott has Sent Cap Joe Handy who is now here to bring up the Sloop, if an Affidavit of mine to what I have said Above will Save M^r Mastus that Trouble I shall be Happy.

[L. Masters, Hooper's Streets, to Coll. Lowes]

April 20

I yesterday set out to wait on you but from y^e Sailors mistaking y^e Directions we were obliged to return & having a great cold before & geting wet yesterday has made me so much out of order y^t I did not think it prudent to venture, w^{ch} I hope you'll excuse

M^r Lyon has been so good to wait on you for me. I have left wth M^r Clarke 9..15..0 & M^r Lyon will pay you y^e remainder in Cash & you'll furnishing him with a Bill.

I shall be glad if youed Supply me with y^e following 4 Sheep fat, 10 Gal^{ns} of Peach Brandy, 10 D^o Vinegar, 1 Bar Herrings, Pease or Beans, 2 Bus^{ls}, Corn 4 Bar^{ls}, Carrots & Parsneps, Turneps 3 Bar^{ls}, Cyder ab^t 6 Bar^{ls}, Onions 1 Bus^l, Lumber 1000^{ft}

[Deposition of George Airs]

April 24

Som^t Co^{ty} the 24th of Ap^l 1781. Came George Airs befor me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the County afs^d and made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that on Friday the 20th of Ap^l he hapned at Col^o Scotts and Saw a Strange Boat Going up the River upon which Col^o Scott Desired some of the persons present to Go out and hale her but she Got Two far up the River and while he this deponent Ware Looking at her they put on Shore about One hundred yard Above the Ware house with that Cap^t Jas. Bennett John Evans Samuel Handy and this deponent went to where they were and Desired them to Call at Col^o Scotts upon which they did and Col^o Scott demanded his papers and he Delivered him Two Letters the Contents I Know not M^r Lyon Told Col^o Scott they Belonged to a flagg from Providence and was on there Return but had Purchased several Articles from M^r Lowes at Baltimore and