

[May] Manner that I will upon my arrival in New York use every En-
 Draft deavoured to effect an Exchange of William Middleton late Com-
 mander of the Boat Dolphin that belonged to the State of Maryland,
 in my Place & stead and in Case such Exchange cannot be accom-
 plished I will immediately return to Annapolis in said State of Mary-
 land myself as a Prisoner of War.

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[Willm Grayson, War Office, to His Excellency the Governor]

In a letter from Baron Steuben of the 21st Instant the Board are
 informed that he is in great want of powder and lead for the use of
 the troops under his command; The Board will be glad to know
 whether it is in your power to give him any assistance as soon as
 possible. Should you be capable of complying with our request, you
 will be pleased to order it on, and do us the honor of informing us of
 the quantity, which will be replaced, as soon as the situation of the
 public magazines will admit of it

[April]

[Wm. Bordley, to His Excell^{cy} Thos. Sim Lee]
 (p^r Charles Hackett)

I have receiv'd the articles mention'd in your Letter by Cap^t
 Tildon except the cannon which I expect over from Baltimore in a
 few days, also am much obliged by the kind attention given to our
 requisition & if not inconvenient I hope your Excellency will cause
 the Gun locks, to be sent by the Bearer, we have been very successful
 in recruiting already I have passed thirty one recruits almost all of
 whom are extremely good, we have only eight more to get & one
 week to get them in, should we compleat our number within three or
 four days I presume a Draft may be dispensed with

April [John Deaver, Capt. in the 39 Battalion of Maryland Militia, to
 Gov Lee.]

May it Please Your Excelency At this Alarming Crisis in the
 Absence of my Coll^l I am Induced to Lay before you the State of
 the Company I have the Honor of Commanding & I hope you will
 Excuse the freedom I take in so doing. I have not one Subalton
 Death & Resignations have deprived me of them;

The State of my Comp^y was in Writting given to Coll^l Sam^l
 Smith some months past with a Recomendation of such who I thought
 should be Commissioned & who were willing to Except of the Trust
 that might be Reposed in them.

As no Commissions for the Subaltions has been sent to me I can
 Only say that altho, I have a full Company it is out of my power to
 Collect them together without Officers to Assist me, I am well Con-
 vinced they are good & Trew, And do pray your Excellency to send
 Commissions as to you shall seem meet, and do Assure you that when