

May 12 I answered because the waggoners flatly refused to go at fifteen shil-
 Red Book lings Specia to be paid at the Exchange, nor could I prevail on them
 No. 30 to go to Worcester and Summerset without contracting with them
 Letter 98 in this way, and thought it better to do this then to impress them and
 flatter myself your Excellency & Honours will think so also when
 it is considered there must have gone a guard with them to kept
 them at work—those Ten Teams are gone to Salisbury and Snow
 Hill for the Pork the other Brigade is kept at work at and about
 the Head of Chester some of them I have ordered to begin to haul
 down Corn to a Vessel now lying in Chester River, by which I hope
 to have a part of it here by the last of the week, which if you approve
 of shall deliver to Col^o Yeates, (otherways must sell it on my own
 account) as soon as this matter is fully compleated, shall do myself
 the Honour of waiting on your Excellency & Honours and the General
 Assembly

May 12 [Margaret McFadon, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

May it please Your Excellency I received your Excellency's
 Letter of the 28th April this day, but think you have mistook the
 name; I have a son who had the honour to Serve as a Cap^t Lieu-
 tenant in Cap^t W^m Brown's Company of Artillery whose name is
 James McFadon who I conceive your Excellency means but he is
 appointed to the command of a company of Artillery formerly com-
 manded by Cap^t Gale now at the Southward under Gen^l Greene, my
 son has left this Town near three months on his way to the South-
 ward but am confident that if permitted by Gen^l Greene will Em-
 brace with alacrity any command that your Excellency pleases to
 confer on him

May 12 [John Taylor, Prison, Ann^s, To his Excellency the Governor and
 the honble the Council of the State of Maryland.]

The Petition of John Taylor now a prisoner in the public jail of
 this City most humbly Sheweth That your petitioner being near Sixty
 years of age, and a native of this Country was apprehended (not-
 withstanding the natural tie of a Man's attachment to his Country)
 and taken on Suspicion of his being friendly and assisting to the
 Enemy under which he has been imprisoned these ten Days last past.

Your Petitioner being conscious within himself that the charges
 exhibited against him, upon the matter being elucidated before the
 Court, will be found groundless and Migatory, he is emboldened to
 apply to the Clemency of your Excellency and Honors to cause him
 to be removed from his present place of Confinement which you must
 be sensible is not a place adopted for the Confinement of even the
 basest Criminal, much less for a man of his Age and under his im-
 pressions (tho unhappily under suspicions) when the greatest Vilain
 by Law is ever deemed innocent until he is Convicted by his peers.