

for, but they expect their Cloathing before they move & some of them have not got the whole of their substitute money, which they also expect. May 31

[Rt. F. Hooe, Alex^a, to Gov. Lee.]

I rec'd your Excellency's Letter of the 29th and would have sent you the disagreeable intelligence we had Yesterday, but the accounts being vague & uncertain I thought it best to Postpone writing untill I could collect intelligence that might be depended on.

Major Dick came here last night, I did not see him, but have his relation of matters from Col^o Fitzgerald. He says Lord Cornwallis with ab^t 6000 Troops was at Hanover Court House on Tuesday last—that the Marquis with ab^t 2000 Regular Troops & ab^t 4000 Militia was ab^t 12 Miles distant from him throwing obstructions in their way by falling Trees, breaking up bridges &c That Gen^l Lesly with a detachment of ab^t 1000 or 1200 Men had embarked in James River destined it is supposed for Potomack River. Major Dick is gone express to Gen^l Wayne.

Unless we are soon reinforced the Enemy will shortly March thro this State our Militia being very generally without Arms.

[Robt. F. Hooe, Alex^a, to Gov. Lee.]

An express this moment arrived from Fred^{sb^g} tells us that the Enemy was from their last information at Pages Warehouses, that the Marquis was to be this night in Fred^{sb^g}. Uncertain whether Lesly was bound to Baltim^o or this Town—but more generally thought to this Town. And generally believed that Cornwallis means to March thro' Virg^a to Baltim^e where a fleet and part of the British Army it is supposed will meet him. We are in a miserable Situation for want of Arms. Our Men are in good Spirits but we are destitute of everything necessary for opposition and defence

[John Sterrett's Application]

George Blunt was put by Cap^t Yellott as a Prize Master on Board the Ship Windsor She was retaken by a British Ship [of] War and Blunt (in consequence of his attempting to impose upon the British Officer who was sent on Board to examine his Papers) was put into Irons and now remains on Board the Prison Ship at New York and has been there upwards of Nine months past. We would wish to have him exchange'd for one Nicholas Byrn who was taken by Capt. Folger of the Antelope and now remains in Baltimore Goal.

P. S. Col. Stone is requested to represent this to the Council and if the above can be effected it will much oblige Jn^o Sterett

May 31
Red Book
No. 28
Letter 49

May 31
½ past one
in afternoon
Red Book
No. 28
Letter 48

May
Red Book
No. 23
Letter 117