

I flatter myself ye will make no merit of Mortifying those whom [May] the fate of war has drove so much in y^r Power as those who are prisoners of war in the town goal

Should Esteem it as an Act of Humanity to Grant me a parole to go to Portsmouth or N. York to Effect an Exchange for the Above prisoners of war whom are now Labouring under the Greatest afflictions that the Humane frame Can bear

[The Petition of Solomon Simmonds of Kent County To His Excellency, Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r, Governor of Maryland.] [May]

Your Petitioners son Solomon Simmonds died some time past leaving three Children viz one boy and two Girls which children since the death of their father have constantly lived with your Petitioner and been under his care. These Children have each had a considerable Estate left to them by their Grandmother Mary Mott and their Uncle Richard Mott who were before their death inhabitants of Long Island in the State of New York where the Estate now is. As your petitioner has lately received a letter from Giles Simmonds and Richard Simmonds of Long Island afs^d Exec^{rs} to the aboves^d Mary Mott & Richard Mott requesting that some person would in behalf of the Children afs^d apply for their money and other property and as those Children have no other person who will take the trouble of Transacting this Business for them your petitioner humbly prayeth that your Excellency will grant him permission to go to Long Island in order to get their money and secure the other property belonging to them and your petitioner—as in duty bound will ever pray.

The above Petition will be handed to your Excellency by Peter Lawson Esq^r who can give you any Satisfaction you may require respecting the Petitioners Character. The Petitioner would have waited personally on your Excellency but his age and infirmity added to the difficulty of crossing the bay has prevented him.

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Hon^{ble} The Governor & Council.] (By Mr. Lansdale) June 1

I am well informed there is in the County a considerable quantity of Bacon for sale—some parcels have been offer'd me, but having no orders from you respecting such business, I did not think it prudent to purchase. I apprehend a good deal could be procured with Certificates tho the money would answer much better. I pray you will give me your opinion upon this subject, and instruct me what to do in the matter.

My demands for flower Barrels is very great and I find it impossible to procure them in this county. I am told there is a quantity of Barrels in the hands of M^r Rozier belonging to the publick—pray I cannot I have an order for them? I am in the greatest want of a sum of money to expedite the business, and beg to be furnished