

as I do, Lawson with a strong party of Militia had cover'd them in the Country. They destroyed all the Publick buildings and stores of every kind in the Town (and the Publick works above it) except the Tobacco Houses and Tobacco. All the Private Property except Salt, Wine Rum and Vessells—was left pretty nearly as they found them, and on the day following they Marched out of the Town, but whether to reinforce a party they had before detached to Petersburg, or to their Shipping was not known. I am afraid they meant to force a Passage to Petersburg and destroy the stores lying there, which it is said are considerable, from everything I can learn, it is their intention next to destroy the Works at Fredericksburgh, and we are told by some deserters they threaten this town.

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If they do attack Fredericksburgh which I fear will be the case—their very best way to get at it will be by coming up this River, and if they come so near I am afraid they will not go off without attempting to destroy us. Under these apprehensions we have determined to put ourselves into the best posture of defence in our power. And if we could be assisted with Arms, there is a prospect of making a tolerable defence. The Cannon & small Arms of this State are all in use, and Publick Business seems at present so much confused and deranged that it is thought of no use to apply to this Government. If your Excellency could assist this Town with a few field Pieces, or Cannon of any kind, with some Powder Ball and Cartridge paper, they will be most thankfully received and returned again as soon as possible. I am afraid you have no small Arms to spare, if you have the loan of a few of them might be of great Service. Your Excellency will oblige me very much by giving an Answer to this requisition as soon as possible

[Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

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Your Excellency will receive enclosed a resolve of Congress of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant, requesting the Executive of the State of Maryland to liquidate the Account of M<sup>r</sup> Baker Johnston for fifty two Pair of Leather Dreeches which he purchased for L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Lee's Partizan Corps on account of the United States

[Sam. Smith Balt. to His Excell<sup>y</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> S. Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]

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Letter 16

I Beg Leave to recommend to your Excell<sup>y</sup> the following Gentleman as Officers for the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia, the Vacancies have happened by Deaths removall & resignations.

In Cap<sup>t</sup> Dickinson's C<sup>o</sup>; Jacob Brown 1<sup>st</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup>; John Hamilton 2<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup>; Res<sup>d</sup>, J. Cannon; William Johnson, Ensign.

Mercantile C<sup>o</sup>; Richard Ridgely, Cap<sup>t</sup>; Clem, Ensign; Ackerman Comp<sup>y</sup>; Frederick Deems, Cap<sup>t</sup>; George Lux, 1 Lieu<sup>t</sup>; Ackerman, Dead; Wheeler, Dead.