

of either, I never have had the pleasure of counting it, I dont mention this as a complaint, I ever looked on it that my County had a right to my Services, in any way that my weak abillitys was equal to. I mention it to shew your Excellency and Honors that I am Exausted, and tis impossible I should be otherways, I never spared a shilling of my own when I had it, either to save this State, or the United States while in either of their services, and my accounts will prove what I say

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[Sam. Smith, Balt., to the Hon. James Brice, Esqr.]

I am Honor'd with yours of yesterday. The articles of Rum, Sugar, Coffee Tea & Soap require Cash to purchase them, therefore I fear it will not be in my power to supply them so soon as the officers will want them. I Have allready made Contract for more than the amo^t of property put in my Hands, owing to the great failure of the supply from M^r Hollingsworth. The Supply now required will take at least sixty H^{hds} Tobacco, if that together with the 100 H^{hds} before requir'd should be put into the Hands of M^r Muir I may on the Credit of them procure the articles requir'd. For I assure you on my Honor, I can get no Credit as Agent. They will only sell to me as a private person, the sellers look not to the State, but to me, by this Means I Have Bo^t on the very best Terms. Drums & fifes cannot be had in less than 3 weeks they are all to make. I shall send to Philad^a they must follow with many other things, I shall forward everything I Have prepar'd this Evening

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[Chas. Thomson, Secry, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

Upon the completion of the Confederacy by the Accession of the State of Maryland the United States in Congress Assembled thought proper to revise the regulations respecting captures and for that purpose on the 27th of March last passed an ordinance of which I have the honor of enclosing a copy and conformable thereto on the 7th of April Ordained and established rules and instructions to be observed by the Captains or commanders of private armed Vessels commissioned by letters of Marque or general reprisals

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This having occasioned a change in the commission &^c the board of Admiralty have not been able before this time to furnish this office with the new forms and hence has arisen the delay in supplying your State. I now embrace the earliest opportunity of forwarding twelve commissions with an equal number of bonds and Instructions. You will be so obliging as to order the bonds when executed to be returned to this office together with such of the old commissions as may remain that your State may be credited for them.

P. S. There are several vessels in Virginia which want commissions, the deranged state of affairs in that commonwealth having induced some of the owners & masters to apply to Congress it is Judged proper to refer them to you