

July 2 [Information of John Anderson a Deserter from one of the british
Red Book Barges. taken 2nd July 1781. Sworn to in Council before
No. 28 Thos. S. Lee.]
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Was in the Resolution 6 weeks and left her at Jone's Island about 3 weeks ago. Joseph Whaland Jun^r William Timmons Jn^o and Michael Timmons of Hooper's Streights Brothers, and Shadrack Horseman were in the Barge—and they were there when he came away—the Barge has been up Wiccomico and all about the E. Shore. Whaland & W^m Timmons act as Pilots—plundered the Widow Elsey & a Capt. Evans at the lower Ferry in Wor. believes him to be Evans—the Barge rendezvous at Courtney's Island—she carries 35 men not more than 8 white Men the rest Negroes—commanded by Jn^o Robinson. 3 Swivels & 2 wall Peices & 35 Musquets—a small Barge with 12 men now commanded by Joseph Whaland—a Barge with 14 or 15 men rendezvous at same place & all under the Command of Robinson that Edw^d Fenwick of S^t Marys County was sev^l Times on S^t George's Island while the Barges were there—he came for a Negro and bo^t Goods of the Barges—that Josiah Langley of same County bro^t some Meal for the Barges and went up Potowmack as a Pilot of the Barges & returned in her and left her at S^t Geo^s Island. Langly was to carry the Barge to Leonard Town but was fired on by the Militia on the Shore.

[Ben. Stoddert, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.]

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Letter 127

I would by no means wish to be troublesome to your Excellency & the Hon^{ble} Council—but I find myself so disagreeably situated in consequence of my claim on the state arising from my purchase of Gen^l Gates order of August last, that I cannot forbear soliciting that the circumstances which induced the transaction may be considered, & if possible, that a part of the debt due me, may be paid.

The balance is between £1400 & £1600 specie. I should be extremely happy to receive one half, or if that should be deemed too great a proportion, even one third of it in Tob^o at any price that may be fixed upon by your hon^{ble} Board. If the Tob^o is not on hand, orders on the Collectors of Prince Georges & Calvert Counties for Tob^o to be rec^d would answer my purpose. I cannot but flatter myself that the endorsement on the back of my order as follows, "In Council, we hereby agree on behalf of the State of Maryland to pay the within order when the State of the Treasury will admit thereof"—together with the promises to the person from whom I purchased it, that the money should be paid in April—will induce you to consider it in a different situation from other public Debts—the Credit of your hon^{ble} Board being in some degree pledged for the payment of it—at any rate, I can truly say that I viewed it in this light when I made the purchase, or I should not have made it.