

Somerset
County,
Maryland

was employed by M^r Furnewell of Baltimore Town to go as a Skipper on board a Schooner called the Molly belonging to M^r Robert Pitt of Virginia and was bound for Wicomoco River in Somerset County or any other Post in the State aforesaid, that M^r Samuel Gerock (who owns a part of the Cargo on board said Vessel) might think proper to order her too, he being on board said Vessel as Captain and Supercargo, he having cleared said Vessel out in his own name. The Question being put to this Deponent, if he was sure M^r Gerock had a part of the above Cargo replied that M^r Gerock told him that the Cargo on board said Vessel belonged to M^r Furnewell and himself and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn before Gillis Polk

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[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

I this Moment am Inform'd by two Men who escap'd that James Rouse's Sloop is taken, in which the State had forty Two H^{hds} Tobacco—they also report that Martin Trout is taken with 12 H^{hds} of State Tobacco. This is a heavy Loss to my Business, they were taken just coming out of Patuxent by three Barges full of Men one of which went down & the other two up to burn Capt. Yellett's Brig. The Galley ready fitted kept down there would protect our Trade, in that River.

M^r Keeport Demands are very great, he wants Iron much, Surely it would be a Saving for the State to make use of its own.

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[John Allinton and James Joiner, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.]

May it Please your Excellency We the Two Men who have Long Been detained In this Town have taken the opportunity & Likewise the Liberty of Wrighting a few Lines hoping they will Nott be received any ways amiss By your Excellency, and Likewise to Inform your honour of our Former Circumstance & Likewise the situation we are now Both In. Which is First, for my Part which is John Allinton was Taken from The Buckskin Heroe by the Irish Frigate Commanded by Capt. Dawson & Continued with them about Eight Months att the Expiration of which I made my Escape & was detained By Comeing to this Place with M^r Doyle & our Property Taken from us & Further to Inform your Excellency That we are destitute of Friends at This Place & Have nothing to subsist on or support us. We therefore hope your Tender Goodness will Favour us so far as to Grant us a pass to Philadelphia & a Permit to draw Provision on the Way upon a Proviser we Cannot Gett Ship'd In Baltimore.

July 6

[Joseph Dashiell, Salisbury, to Gov. Lee.]

I rote you yesterday by a M^r Samuel Garock that I have bin Informed by M^r Traverse has bin with the Enemy, at Portsmouth & has taken a protection as no such papers was found upon I have taken