

July 20 [Jas. Clayland Jun'r, Queen Anns County, to Gov. Lee]

I received your letter on 15th Instant bearing date 25th of June, I am exceedingly sorry that it did not come to hand before as I am persuaded the draught will cause a great disturbance and confusion with the People of this County, and perhaps had I received your letter in time cou'd have made the Draught gone much easier with them, for I am satisfied men might have been got for 20 Dollars Bounty to serve till the tenth of December next, provided the money had been paid to them at the time of their inlisting. I am much obliged for the Confidence you reposed in me and Still hope you entertain the same opinion of me as before, tho' I have inlisted no men. Nothing gives me such pleasure and Satisfaction when I have it in my power to render my Country service, and should be very glad to be thought of at another time

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[Stephen Steward, West River, to the Council.]

My boat is now going to Baltimore as I shall want som flower for the use of the Galley I am Building for the State If it is Convenient I shall be oblige to you to Give my Clark the Barrer of this an order for ten Bar^{ls} of seconds or such flower as will not Past Inspection as I shall Run short of Salt provition I want the flower to make use of with provsⁿ.

July 21 [George Dashiell, Som^t Co^{ty}, To The Honble Matthew Tilghman Esquire, President of the Special Council, Talbot County.] (Pr Favour Josiah Polk, Esq.)

Inclosed is a list of persons recommended by the field officers to supply the vacancies of Militia officers in the Salisbury Battalion in this county, several of the Gentlemen in the list now hold commissions, alterations in which has become necessary from the many resignations which have lately taken place in this county. M^r Done is recommended to the command of the Princess Ann batt^l he at present holds no militia commission, having resigned A colonels commission in Worcester, in consequence of his removal into this county, There is not at present any field officer to that Battalion, but Maj^r Irving, who requests that M^r Done may be appointed to the command of it, I am well assured that his appointment will be Satisfactory. We have raised a volunteer company of horse for thirty days. I am convinced that they will if continued be very serviceable, without horse, it appears to me almost impossible to prevent the enemy Sacrificing a number of our friends in this county, there has been repeated instances of their landing parties, taking horses and riding several miles from their vessels, I am at a loss to know how to supply the horses with forrage when in actual Service, as the coms^{ry} is without cash and request your honours directions, If Twenty five or thirty Horse can be furnished with forrage, I will immediately send up for Com-