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[W. Smallwood, Annapolis, to The Honor^{ble}, The President of the Council]

As I shall probably remain in Maryland during the present summer to arrange and forward the Troops as they are raised, I should be glad that the Sale of the two Negroe women, the Property of the late M^{rs} Tasker might be suspended, provided it would not be productive of much Inconvenience to or materially interfere with the Views of the State.

Their Services will not only be valuable to me, but will in some measure promote the good of the Service as they will supply the Place of Soldiers—who other ways must be necessarily employed in my Kitchen.

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[Stephen Steward to the Council.]

I had ocaation to write to M^r J. Chase yesterday who I thought was In Counsell and would Present my letter to him to the Counsell his being out of town obliges me to send to you again as I Dont Chuse to Prosied with the States Part of the Porpass Cargo without your Petickuler Instructions. I have your two letters of 21 Ins^t agreeable to your Requist I shall go up to baltimore and Inspect Into the Gallie as fare as I Can and will make a Report to you I shall Call on you as I go up Prohaps a friday as to the Porpass Cargo Prohaps you may not be a Quanted with the Place and Contrey whare she lys or you would not Give me such Instructions as you have the Ship lys between Cap Inlopen light House and Indian River If she lys whare I think she Dus the Nearest harbor is lewes town which is fifteen miles your shurest will be to Cart them as they Cant be taken off on the Se Cost there the Expenche and Resque of carting them to Wilmington and then to Anapolis the hole Expense will be grat as Inshurance will be at best 12½ to 15 p C^t the way Inland at Present to many the oners Part of the Cargo is to have it wagoned over to the Head of grat Choptank whare thare is Good Navegation and good Houses to Put it In—from whare the Sloop lys to Choptank Bridge is 40 Miles think I am well a Quainted with the Rode but am not so well a Quanted with the Distance I shall send over Capt James Belt to Cap^t Weems asistance who is an abel good man I shall Depend on his Judgment weather to send our Part by water to Wilmington or through it to Choptank Bridg I must beg your amedit answer as Capt Jeams belt is now hear waiting till I hear from you the Dollers [dollies?] I shall have Carted to Kent Island.

July 24 [J. Woolford to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r]

I do hereby Resign my Commission as High Sheriff of Dorchester County. Witness my Hand and Seal this Twenty fourth Day of July Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one—

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W^m Jameson