

January 25 to dispatch the five State Boats & some other Craft to Secure what
 Red Book we do save, there can be little Risk as we have our Guns planted
 No. 27 properly for defence & nothing dare come near the wrecks, we have
 Letter 18 already experienced this. The Barges being prevented from burn-
 ing these Two. Cap^t Bull for want of Amunition has lost his Brig.
 She is burnt—however he has sav'd 200 B^{bbs} The avarice avidity &
 Lazyness of the Inhabitant does not admit of a Comparison for
 Heavens Sake Dispatch the Vessells, if they come, more than one
 Half of the flour may be sav'd, for altho the water ebbs & flows into
 both Vessells, we find the water does not penetrate more than an
 Inch into the flour. The frigates went down yesterday & are now
 quite out of Sight. The Bearer I have agreed to pay £150 besides
 his Expences which your Excell^y will please order. Happening to
 hear of this accident I came fortunately to give my assistance, but
 without Money I must Beg an immediate Supply, of at least four or
 five thousand pounds, again let me Intreat that the Vessells be Imme-
 diately sent

January 25 [Robert Buchanan, Baltimore, to J. H. Stone recommends
 " Probity and Industry " of Alexander W. Davy who applies to be
 made " Vendue Master of this Town "]

January 26 [Robt Armstrong, St. Mary's County, to Gov. Lee]

In consequence of Your Letters of the 18th Instant and Agreeable
 to your Request and Instructions of Fixing a Chain of Expresses
 from Point Lookout to Annapolis which has Just come to hand. I
 will exert myself to employ an Active Person to that purpose on the
 best Terms I possibly can The enemy now being before Our doors
 prevents me from setting out Immediately on that Business we all
 being on the strictest Guard. Their force is two ships one of them
 supposed to be a small Frigate the other a Sloop of War one Brigg
 & a schooner They last Monday came up the Bay in chase of the Bal-
 timore fleet forced two Briggs and a schooner on shore a small dis-
 tance Below the mouth of Patuxent one of the Briggs they Burned
 the other was by accident as is supposed Blown up and every man
 except one Lost, the schooner was saved with all her cargo. The
 same ships are now at Anchor off St Georges Island on the upper
 side of the mouth of St. Mary's River what their Intentions are we
 are not able to Judge They yesterday about three O'Clock Landed
 about forty men at Point Lookout deprived Joseph Milburn a Ten-
 ant on the Land of all Bedding cloathing and Provision which he
 had and in some measure plundered me of a Part of what I had on
 the Plantation fired several Balls from the schooner through the
 Houses

The morning of the same day they Landed from the Schooner
 three men in a Canoe and Deprived M^{rs} Egerton of some stock and