

August 4 Land mostly clear of Timber and he also being Weak & Infirm and Conscientiously Scrupulous of bearing Arms was fined twenty Pounds specie for non Attendance at Muster at the last Alarm & his Land Executed therefore and to be sold on Wednesday next the Eighth of this Ins<sup>t</sup> August. Your distressed Petitioner under these deplorable Circumstances to add to his Calamity is draughted for a Soldier in the Quota of Troops to be raised by this State. In this truely pitiable Condition your Oppressed petitioner has no Other Refuge to fly to but to your Excellencys usual and well known Clemency & Mercy in this his Case, your Petitioner is the more Emboldene to supplicate Your Excellency & Honour's Interposition in his favor, as he has had the Honour to hear of Your Order to the Sheriff of this County to Suspend the Sale of Thomas Burgins Land who Enjoys four Times the Quantity of Land more than your poor Petitioner & has only two Children & your Petitioner Seven small helpless Babes, Your Excellencys alleviating and Mitigating his Distress by any Means will save a Family of Seven Small Children a helpless Woman & your poor Petitioner from Ruin & Destruction & shall ever entitle Your Excellency & Honours to the Constant Prayers of Your Petitioner

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[W. Smallwood, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.]

The irregular Proceedings of the County Lieu<sup>ts</sup> must involve your Board and myself in endless difficulties and render it impossible for me to ascertain, when the counties have compleated their quotas, or to do justice to those Substitutes who have been or may be defrauded of their money by the classes or Persons by whom they are hired—these reasons induce me to request you to require the Lieu<sup>ts</sup> to make returns of all Recruits, Draughts and Substitutes, raised or that may be raised under the Acts of October & May Sessions, agreeable to the one I have enclosed, & that they may keep a field Book recording therein the names of all men Recruited drafted & substituted under said Acts

August 5 [The Humble Petition of Stacey Arms of Charles County Widow. To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and the Honourable Council]

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner being left a Widow with Three Children one Son and two daughters very small, that your Petitioners son was drafted on the 27 day of July last that he is the only support of myself and two daughters very small, that this present year he is hired to one John Vardin I've three hundred pounds of Pork and four Barrels of Corn all which is for the support of myself and two daughters and should your Petitioner son be Obligated to March your Petitioner and two daughters must be left in great distress.