

[Job Garrettson Baltimore Town to Gov. Lee.]

August 5

I have a small vessel called the flying Fish, to do my own private buisness & which is now a trimming and repairing in order to get her ready to carry over two Gentlemen (that are now my prisoners) to the General Court on the Eastern shore the Session of which commences on Monday or Tuesday next, It seems David Poe has pressed her into public Service & Insisted she shou'd proceed in the order she is now in. I cannot procure any other boat on the present Occation my low & late Indisposition Incapacitates me from either riding on horseback or in a Carriage so that shou'd David Poe's pert conduct in regard to the Impress not meet with a Check by your Excellency & honourable Council granting me a release for my Vessel it will be utterly impossible for me to execute & discharge my Office, that is to say I cannot have the prisoners at the eastern shore, the small number of men she cou'd carry down the bay wou'd be very Insignificant piece of service to the Public

[Petition of William Thompson of Charles County, To his Excellency  
Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and the Honourable Council] August 5

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner being at Sea in the month of April 1780 that on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the said month he being at the Masthead in a Gale of Wind, the Mast head broke and he fell on deck by which fall he received so much hurt that three of his ribs and his Breast Bone was broke, which renders him very unfit to go through any hard labour or the fatigues of marching although he was drafted in June last.

Therefore he prays that your Excellency and Honours will take his Case in to your mature Consideration and grant him such relief as you shall think fit. and your Petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray.

These are to Certify that I verily believe the facts as Stated in the above petition to be Strictly true

Fran<sup>s</sup> Ware

William Thompson the above Petitioner has lived with me ever since his misfortune at Sea, he has had many Infectuous Swellings in his Groins out of which Pieces of his Rib have come They still continue to rise on the least Fatigue. He is now in so ill a state of Health that, I think he is not able to march ten miles

Hoskins Hanson

Charles County August 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby certify that William Thompson is in a very ill state of helth, and in my oppinion entirely unfit for Military duty.

G. R. Brown

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

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I took the Liberty to open your Excell<sup>ys</sup> Letter to Gen. Buchanan & in Consequence have began to put this place in a posture of Defence. The Galley has now 100 Men at work on her. I flatter myself