

[Matt. Ridley, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

August 6

I had the honor of writing you a few lines from Good Bridge p D^r Goodwin. The Troop mostly got here on Saturday Evening last and bating fatigue in pretty good health

As I propose pursuing my Voyage as fast as possible I have sent the Bearer for the necessary papers. In mine p D^r Goodwin I mentioned the necessity of having the Act of Assembly & the private order as to the limitation in the price of Tobacco & flour. I beg there may not be omitted and that your Honorable Board will be so obliging as reduce every thing they can to writing. My intentions were to have personally waited upon but exclusive of tired Horses I find myself much indisposed from the fatigue I have gone thro'. I must therefore crave your indulgence on the occasion

I am informed the Assembly have given powers to your Board to grant Certificates bearing Ins^t for the claims against the State. The one you were pleased to grant me some time ago is deficient in that respect you not then thinking your powers sufficient for the purpose. I shall esteem it a favor if your Honorable Board will please send me one for the sum by the Bearer. The exact sum will be seen by the minutes. The reports of the Enemy coming up have obliged us to send away our Books and papers that I cannot tell the amount or get at the Certificate but I hereby make myself accountable for it.

I mentioned when last at Annapolis about the order I got for flour—that I could make no use of it & beg'd to be permitted to return it, which was agreed to. I shall be glad of a Certificate for this sum also & promise to give up the order so soon as we can get at our papers. The Certificates to be separate & in the Name of Ridley & Pringle. The time the Monies were due from the State will be seen by the Agreements. I flater myself you will excuse the trouble I give—nothing but my indisposition & the confused situation our affairs are in would have induced me to it.

[H. Shryock, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.]

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A few Days agoe I Rec' your Exelencys Leter But Was Not able to sent the Horses By this time as the Letter Came too Late to hand and this Moment Rec^d the Second and Must assure your Exelency that I am in the Graits Destress that I am Detained at this Court But Seeing the Necessity I Will Indaiver to Git Leave of the Court to Go home for a few Days if Posable and sent the Horses With all Posable Despach

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The Bearer hereof will deliver four Carriage Horses, Collected by me in this County under the late Act of Assembly, I have been