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[John Neill, Fr^{dk} To M^{iss} John Parks merch^t Baltimore.]

Madam Please to let me know by the post how the New Money goes, a Committee is apointed here to forge it Equal to Gold the leading men here are determined to burn your town if you do not take it the Melitia is here non to go to save you but if you have Damn'd the monney you may expect to be Dam'd your selves by them Coll Price Chearman of the Committee & severall of the tories Has been tried and is to be Confined some for six months and others twelve and pay a fine of 3 or £400. Give M^r Parks [illegible] Joy the post tells me that M^r Stull will get him his liberty I Cannot find a waggon without paying too much but if I Cannot send it soon I will keep it to my [self] and pay you for it

August 8 [William Bayly, Jr., George Town, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r] (fav^d by M^r Allen)

M^r Archibald Allen of this County is Draughted he has to my knowledge had very Considerable Losses, and unless your Excellency & the Council will Excuse him from Marching I am told that his family will be greatly Distress'd.

August 8 [John Smith Brookes, Piscattaway, to the Governor and Council.]
(By Mr Williams)

Your letter of the 3rd inst alarm'd me very much, as I had put quite a different construction on the intention of your several favours dated the 26 & 27 Ult. and considered their substance, as a positive direction, not to send forward any more cattle; but let them be put in good pastures, in which case I considered none so proper as their own walks and therefore did not proceed to the collection—in your letter of the 27th you desire me not to send any more cattle forward untill your further orders—and in that of the 3rd of August you charge me with inattention for not sending them forward—this is an error I think in which I am not blameable.

I am now very busy in the Collection and have been so sence the moment I received yours of the 3rd I hope to set of from this tomorrow with about 40 head and shall go on to the Collection of 40 more the difficulty in Collecting Cattle is very great and requires more time then could be immagined, especially in lands that are thickly wooded. I think it would be well for the Council to remove the fish that are at this place. I should immagine they would be very acceptable to the troops, and here there is danger of their Spoiling.

August 8 [Frederick Calhous to Gov. Lee.]

I Have been brought up to the Trade of a Tanner and think myself Master of the Business and can dress Skins and Leather equal to any one. I intend to erect a compleat Tannery at the head of