

power to Execute that Commission as I could wish the disaffection of the people is not to be bore with and not in my power to Alter. January 29

[Will Deakins, Junr. George Town. to Gov. Lee]

January 29

Being Informed that Captain James Lingan has made Application for a Captaincy in the Troop of Horse to be raised for the defence of this State, and knowing him to be a Gentleman of much Merit and a good Officer, take the Liberty to recommend him as such to your Excellency & the Hon^{ble} Council not doubting you will think he merits the Commission he now Solicits. I am with the Utmost respect

[Bernard O Neille, Geo. Town, To the Hon^{able} Daniel Carroll, Esq. Annapolis.] (Fav^d by Capt. Beall) January 30

Capⁿ James Lingan (for whom I have a particular Friendship) is very desirous of Commanding the Troop of Horse to be rais'd by this State,

His merit & great Suffering while in Captivaty Justly intitle him to the Favour & Confidence of his Country. I therefore hope you'll use your Influence with the Gov^r & Council in his fav^r Your Friendly endeavours on this Occasion will Confer a lasting Obligation.

[Robert Armstrong, St. Mary's County, to Gov. Lee.]

January 30

Since writing you the 26th Instant, a ten Gun schooner of the Enemy's came up Smiths Creek that Evening, Landed about fifty men under cover of their Cannon, took Possession of the schooner Kitty Cap^t Smith from Annapolis Bound to S^t Eustatius Loaded with Tobacco, the Schooner was fast aground and partly unrigged, which prevented them from taking her off, and about ten o'Clock the same night they Burned her. The morning following they put three prisoners on shore, by whom we Learn that there is a Fleet of sixty sail (Including Transports and Privateers) down the Bay and that they Intend to Baltimore and Annapolis a Plundering Voyage, and in their Rout they Intend to destroy all Salt works which they can come at; which I thought prudent to Acquaint you off

[Jas Hamilton, Brigd'r Gen'l, Fredericks Town, to H. E. Governor Simblae] (Thos. Sim Lee)

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I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that on the arrival of the British Troops of Convention here, I made a demand of Boards & Nails to make the Barracks habitable for the men & to give them reasonable space equal to their numbers. which is so far from the case at present, that one half cannot Measure their lengths on the few floors they have

To alleviate which, had Boards, Nails & Tools been provided, they would have willingly with my authorising them completed the Bar-