

[Erasmus Gantt, P. Georges County, to His Excellency  
Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.]

August 12

In Consequence of an Appointment from Your Excellency, to a Cornelcy in the Troop of Horse, which was directed for the Defence of Somerset & Worcester Counties, I was reduced to the Expenditure of a Considerable sum of money for Horses, and other necessary Equipments; trusting to your Excellency that in Case the plan of raising the Troops directed was not adopted, I should meet your attention in some other appointment. The plan upon which the Reg<sup>t</sup> of Horse are to be raised by the State, renders a post in it far more reputable, than the Troop heretofore directed to be raised, therefore shall conceive myself honoured in your Influence towards such an appointment

[John Parks, Baltimore, to His Exc<sup>y</sup> Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire]

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I had the Honour some Time since of presenting you a Memorial, which beg leave to refer your Excellency to, representing the Proceedings of Coll<sup>o</sup> Samuell Smith, in Consequence of a Suspicion alledged against me, for an intention, to cooperate with the Insurgents of Frederick, of my being concerned in that truly diabolical conspiracy of mentioning my Confinement since the 24<sup>th</sup> June last.

May I now presume to Intimate that from the long durance since my Confinement, the number already tryed, and your Excellency being on the Spott, you must be fully Convinced that I never was Concerned, in any measure so derogatory to the Wellfare, the happiness, and Subversion of the Liberties of my Country, and so Contrary to my own, and Families true Interest from which Instigation, myself, Wife, and a number of small Children have so pointedly suffered; being now for seven Weeks intirely deprived of any Inter-course therewith, leaves them Liable to every Casualty, that is incident to a helpless and distressed Family.

I would not have again Presumed to intrude or mention the Misfortune of an Individual at this Criterion, when the Public concern must have your Attention, had not the long Time of my Imprisonment, the Distresses of my Family, and Every Gentleman of this Place Convinced of my Innocence, induced me thereto.

I need not Comment, for under Every Distress I have this Consolation, that I suffer only from a mistaken Zeal of my Country, induced by the Calumny, and Malicious Designs of some secret Enemy, who thought this a proper opportunity most Effectively to injure me.

May it Please your Excellency I have always been willing, done, and am Still willing to Conform and acquies in every Law, Custom or Institution that may be proposed for the Benefit of my Country, and under it every service that may be required, or in my Power