

[James F. Armstrong, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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As the want of suitable Clothing in the State Store, and the Refusal of the Inhabitants of Baltimore to receive, in Payments, the late Emission, have entirely frustrated the generous Intention of your Excellency and the Council to relieve my temporary wants, I am under the Necessity of renewing my application for an Order for Clothing.

Co<sup>l</sup> S. Smith, who obliges me by conveying this, informs me that by an order directed to him he can supply me.

Could I have purchased what I wanted in Baltimore with the Money I received I would not have taken up your attention by an application which in that Case I should have judged troublesome and unnecessary. But for its uncertain Nature, unknown to you when I received it, I must consider myself in the same Situation as if I had received neither order or Money.

I beg therefore that I may be indulged by an order directed to Col Smith to supply me with what is mentioned in the enclosed order upon the State Store.

[John Done, Geo. Day Scott, Gillis Polk, Robert Dashiell, Wicomaco River, Somerset Co<sup>ty</sup> To His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee Esq.] August 15  
(p favour of Col<sup>o</sup> Geo. Dashiell)

May it please Your Excellency The deplorable situation which this shore was in some Little time past being Constantly Infested with the Enemy's Barges and the Little prospect we had of being Timely relieved Induced a few friends on this river to Build at their private Expence a Barge, Capable of Carrying 2 . . . . 6 pound Guns, 8 or 10 Swivels &c<sup>a</sup> and to Rowe with 32 Oars, for the Express purpose of defending this & the adjacent Rivers Issuing out of the Sound but not finding, the Incouragement from our neighbours as wee at first Expected and Cash & Materials being very Scarce with us so that a few Could not with any Conviency fit her out So speedily as Wished for think It most advisable to make a Tender of her to your Board at Cost and hope that she will Be Accepted and fitted out for the defence of the sound Imediately or at Least for our mutual defence wee Can with Truth assure you that she is thought by the best Judges, to be as Complete a Hull of a barge as any Built this war you have the bill of the Dimentions & Cost Inclosed and we shall be much obliged will you Inform us by the first op<sup>ty</sup> whether she will meet with your Acceptance.

[Inclosure]

Barge 54 ft. Keel  
14 ft. Beem  
3 ft. hold  
3 ft. passage Midships  
32 Rowlocks with as many Oars