

[R^d Hooe Alex^r to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r]

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After writing Your Excell^y by M^r Smith, I rec^d a Letter from M^r James Mercer, who was so kind as to open my Letter to Col^o Lewis and undertake the Business recommended to that Gentlemen, he being too unwell to undergoe it. M^r Mercers Letter did not contain any intelligence that I thought material, therefore declined sending it you by an express. The enclosed will so soon reach you by Post, and having nothing of consequence in it I think it best to save the expence of an express.

A Boat from the Mouth of the River (left it on Sunday last) informs us there was no Enemy then there.

[To the Honorable the Governor and Council of Maryland the Petition of Henry Sheaff of Baltimore Town] [January]

Your Petitioners Wife's Parents now in New York finding it very disagreeable to be confined to a Garrison Town have resolved to go to their native Country Holland in the Spring and are very desirous to take with them your Petitioner his Wife and Children and have made such proposals to your Petitioner to induce him to accompany them that he thinks himself bound in duty to his family to accept of provided he can obtain permission from your Honor to go to New York. That your petitioner has ever manifested himself a friend to the Cause of America and has now a substitute serving in the Continental Army during the war. Your petitioner agrees to leave with this State £200 Specie advanced to the officers of this State on Long Island the Interest of which will be more than sufficient to pay the Taxes that may be levyed on his property for the support of the war—that your petitioner further agrees to advance (agreeable to your honors request) thirty pounds to each officer of this State on Long Island who has not received a part of the money already advanced—for all which money your petitioner will agree to take Tobacco in one year from this time the price to be now fixed by your Honor or the honourable the General Assembly. Your petitioner ever willing to render any services in his power to his Country should he be so happy as to obtain Permission to go to New York will whilst he is there give every Assistance he possibly can to our officers who are prisoners there—and should he arrive at Amsterdam whilst he resides there will chearfully render every service in his power to this State. Your petitioner hopes your honors will grant him the permission he requests.

[Henry Sheaff to Gov. Lee]

Inclos'd your Excellency some Memorandum Relative what passd, when in the Council Chamber; any mode you should think Proper to adopt more Legible will be agreeable

[January]
[For agreement between Henry Sheaff and Gov. Lee, see Arch. of Md., Vol. 45 p. 285]