

August 23 Received If it should be true that he has not M^r Campbell will Receive and forward it to me I should be Glad to have Instructions what is to be done with the Corn And wheat which I Received and Purchased in the course of the Eight Months past it is much exposed to loss by Rats Lying in the Stores there is not a Mill in my opinion in the County fitting to Manufacture it into flour M^r Fords will do with some Repairs which he talks of doing but then it cannot be done till late in the fall

August 23 [William Hemsley Queen Anns County, to His Excell^y Thos. Sim Lee Esq.]

The Select Militia are draughted in this County, and you'll please appoint the officers to command them as Several of the Militia officers are draughted.

In the late Draught for raising the two Regim^{ts} it fell on M^r Joseph Gould a Single Man of small Property who has five Brothers & Sisters to take care of, he also holds an Ensigns comm in the Militia. He has endeavored to procure a Substitute, but has not money or wheat to command one, under these Circumstances I think he ought to be excused from Marching, at least as a common Soldier. This Draught has given great disgust to the officers, so that I much doubt whether we have any Militia officers in future, if they are compelled to do Duty as privates. The Man who keeps the Ferry at Kent Island has declared he will put over no more Soldiers unless he is paid full ferrage. M^r Beeton goes down with four Substitutes & one Draft and the rest shall be got as soon as possible, but they are so dispersed over the County that they are extremely difficult to collect especially those who are unwilling to go.

I shou'd be much obliged to have your Directions with respect to M^r Gould.

[P S] Gen^l Smallwood discharged a Draught from this County, & his Aid Cap^t Jones has wrote me to send another man in his room—this I conceive I have no power to do. The Fellow has emposed on the Gen^l as he endeavored to do on me ab^t his being blind, but several of the people who are well acquainted with him tell me since his discharge that he can see very well—if I had not thought so I wou'd not have sent him.

August 23 [Rich'd Lemmon, Baltimore, to the Council.]

Your Honor's favor I this Hour rec^d, I am under obligations to you for your Confidence in me in Conferring a commition on me, hope you will Excuse me for not Serving as I believe My reasons will be considered Sufficient.

Since I rec^d yours I saw Col^{nl} Samuel Smith who informed me that he this day purchased from Sundry for the new Money, and