

to Inform your Excell^y that The appointment Does not suit Them they make Numberless Excuses which would be but little Satisfaction to mention, For my own Part I am Ready and Willing to Act in any Department or Character which I have or may be appointed too That will Render my Country service, at The same Time I would wish to mention That If supplied with New Money, I think all that Baltimore affords may be had on Much more Agreeable Terms Than by Seizure. The Inhabitants knowing of a Power Invested in a Person or Persons That will make Seizure If they Do not sell off such Commodities as They have and is Wanting to Equip The Troops will In Preference Take The New money Rather Than Certificates; for which Purpose I wish to have a supply In The mean while I shall Look about to see what Goods are in Town suitable That may be Procured

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[Tho. S. Lee to The Honorable President Brice]

I was honored with your Letter of this morning. It would give me pleasure to comply with the request of the Hon^{ble} Council if my situation would admit of it: At present its extremely inconvenient & Doct^r Murray adds, improper for me to go out. My disorder has passed its Crisis & I expect it will be in my power to attend to morrow Morn^g

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There is no time to be lost in forming the Cavalry & making the necessary appointm^{ts} of officers & if the Board enter upon that business this afternoon, I beg leave to recommend M^r S. Chew of Calvert to their attention—he only solicits Cornetcy & Col^o Fitzhugh recommends him as a young gentlemen of family & fortune & highly merits such a Commission

[Pat Sim Smith, Calvert, to Gov. Lee] (Faver. Mr. Duvall)

I have received your pressing orders for the delivery of the Beef Cattle I had directions to collect, I am very sorry it has not been in my power as yet to procure them, which was owing to the illness of my Family & myself under the flux. I appointed a Deputy for the purpose and he has been also very Ill, and when I expected he had Collected a number found he had got none—we are now engaged in the Business being prevented from beginning sooner in the week by the sitting of our County Court which is not yet over. I much fear we shall make a slow progress, it being very difficult to procure assistants besides This the people are much dissatisfied with the mode of Colection & the low price allowed & I am apprehensive I shall get none except from a few Individuals without a Seizure, indeed, I am informed that some declare they will not suffer a Seizure. However I hope I shall have fifteen or Twenty ready to send up the first of next week and shall then be able to give better Information respecting the others.

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