August 30 of Maryland for the levee of a corps of lancers, but the Assembly Red Book No. 28 not meeting till october I desir'd the marquis in a letter from Anapolis to make interest for my appointment to this corps who might answer the same purpose and be of a greater service on this occasion than it ever will At Savanah my troop was attach'd to count D'estaing dragoons of defence and condi and found to be of great service to them during that campaign as you may see by the inclos'd certificat of the two Commanders of the french army after counts D'estaing's wound. I wish the certificate could be sent to me back again when perus'd by the council

August 31 [Henry Hooper, Dorset Coty, to Gov. Lee.] (pr Mr. Muir)

On Monday last two of the Enemies Barges landed a party of Men at Vienna on Nanticoke River and plundered the Inhabitants of the Town and captured five loaded Vessels in that river. We collected a party of Militia as spedily as possible and retook three of the Vessells and by posting some Militia on each Side the river cut off the retreat of one of the Barges, on which the Enemy ran her on shore and deserted her, the Crew made their Escape but we are in possession of the Barge. We took three of the Enemy prisoners, whom I send forward to Annapolis by this conveyance; your Excellency will be pleased to order payment to be made to the Bearer for their passage, I believe a Dollar for each is as much as he expects to receive. Mr Robert Morrain Prise master on board a Schooner taken by the Brigg Susanna Capt Hayman Commander, with two other men after they parted Company with the Brigg, ran the prize Vessell on shore and delivered themselves up to the Militia; Mr Morrain has taken the Oath of Fidelity to this State and now waits on your Excellency for permission to settle in Baltimore Town.

Samuel Hooper 2^d Lieu^t and Walter Rawley Ensign of Cap^t Roger A. Hoopers Company, mentioned in a Letter rec^d from your Council have both resigned and Col^o Dickenson recommended John Steele and Nimrod Newton as proper to succeed to fill up them Vacancys and should be glad to receive these commissions when they can be conveniently made out

NB. We have 2 Negroes in our Jail recover^d from the Enemy who say they belong to M^r Sewall at the mouth of Patuxent and M^r Moor in or near Bladensburgh

[August] [The Petition of Daniel O Neill to His Excellency Thom^s Simley Esq^r Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the State of Maryland &c.]

Petitioner is an Intire Stranger & Quite Deaf, one of the now Exiled Inhabitants of Charles Town, in South Carolina, out of which as well as out of House & Home, he was Burnt by which he lost his all above £10000 Sterling, with what he could Scrape out of the De-