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William Harrison his Class was upwards of £3. specie short when he marched which I had Collected since, and sent to him by Lieut<sup>nt</sup> Foster, but in the case of Matthews and Price your hon<sup>rs</sup> are Totally misinformed, the truth is as follows, M<sup>r</sup> Prather brot them to me to be pass'd one for his and the Other for M<sup>r</sup> Friends Class, said he had promis'd to pay each of them £15 Spetie or the Exc<sup>ye</sup> in Paper which Sum they were well pleas'd with, until some of the rec<sup>ts</sup> told them that something more had been given, they then argued sometime and insisted on their bounty being rais'd, at length they props<sup>d</sup> leaving the matter to me which M<sup>r</sup> Prather agreed to, they said they had been detain'd upon their own exp<sup>s</sup> two or Three days after their Inlist<sup>g</sup> it not being conv<sup>t</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Prather to come down, that consideration and the desire I had to make them satisf<sup>d</sup> induced me to determine that he should pay them 1000 dol<sup>s</sup> more than his Agreem<sup>t</sup> they both app<sup>d</sup> well Satisfied with and repeatedly thank'd me for my determination nor did either of them Claim more while in Washington, some time before they March'd Price made a Complaint that M<sup>r</sup> Prather had made a Mistake in Counting the Paper Money and that he could not prevail on him to rectify it. I imm<sup>y</sup> wrote to and inform'd him of the charge and requested him to settle with the rec<sup>t</sup> or that I would Issue a Warrant and Compel him so to do, M<sup>r</sup> Prather soon after produc'd several depositions and Certificates from respectable persons, that they were present at their settlem<sup>t</sup> and that they had counted the Money and M<sup>r</sup> Prather had paid him a few dol<sup>s</sup> more than his due. Old Col<sup>o</sup> Crisap inform'd me that he was also present at the Sett<sup>l</sup>s and that he rec<sup>d</sup> a few dol<sup>s</sup> over, and that the fellow he knew to be an infamous rascal, and from the facts here Stated I have no doubt but Your hon<sup>rs</sup> will be convinc'd that they are both so.

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[Stephen Steward, West River, to the Council.]

I only Rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> of August yesterday or shuld Replied long ago how Ever its time Enuf to give a bill for the Cabels and Cording for the Galle I am Building fore or five munths Hence at the Rait I have gon on heather to the Decking Plank and Pine Plank for hir uper works is now lying In the Eastern shore some time Redy the holders of it has ben with me this Day and will not Deliver it without the Hard muny I have Paid away a Considerable som of hard muny for Provisions and many other artichels for the Galle and it will not sut me to Pay any more without you will Return it to me or som thing that I can Rais the Hard muny out of I find I shall be a very Grat loser. In the End If I advance hard muny and take Paper for it I Can git no kind of provation but for hard muny but at an advance Price the Butchers are now ofring 6<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> Red muny for Beef when In Realety it is not worth more then 3<sup>d</sup> as I am Determined not to Depresheat the muny In Paying an advance I sopose I shall be obligd to stop In less then a month for want of Provisions as the salt provition and what fresh of my own I can spare will be out