

In that time when I agreed to Build this Galle I understood I was to have munny or somthing Put Into my hand to have Raisd munny with to have firresh^t Every Metearrel for the Galle for which I was to have Drawn a Commition from for my trubell or I am Shour I would not have undertaken hir for the Paltrey Commition of Building the Hull I was to have the sam as when I was agent to the Counsell of Safty and afterwards to the first Governor and Counsel and I still Expect it as I think from what littel knowlidg I have of Marein affairs I can save the State more then my Commition I have not bin able to go from home this two weeks from a hurt I got In my legg as soon as I Can Conveniently Ride I will wait on you

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[Chris^r Bircckhead, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r] September 4
(p^r M^r Benson)

I now send a few more of the Draughts by M^r Perry Benson, a list of whom he will deliver, the remainder I shall send as fast as they can be apprehended.

You will please to pay M^r Benson for his Trouble and also the expence of the Boat hire, as I have no money to pay them.

[John Dean, Major 4th M. R^t, Chester Town, to His Excellency the Gov^r & the Hon^{ble} Council] September 4

The Order for seventeen Pounds for deficiency of Stores you were pleased to give me last May, I have mislaid, you will please to renew it, and also an Order for some more Money, you will also please to give me an Order for State Stores. I have been confined to my bed almost three months, and am at Present in a very poor state of health, and in great need of Money and Stores at this place, the bearer Captⁿ Reid will give rec^{ts} in my name, and can inform you fully of my distressed situation

[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

I have the Pleasure to inform you that a Cutter of 18 Guns has this moment arrived here with Dispatches from Count De Grass for his Excellency General Washington.

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Captain Arne D^e La Laume Commander of the Cutter informs that the French Fleet consisting of 28 Sail of the Line arrived in our Bay the 26th ult^o with 3000 Land Forces which are landed to form a junction with the Marquis de la Fayette. Part of the Fleet have blocked up the British Vessels in York River—they have taken the Loyalist of 22 Guns in York River & on their way to the Cape took a Packett from Charles Town with Lord Rawdon on board. This Gentlemen is now a Prisoner with the Fleet at York River. The main part of the Fleet lays between the Middle Ground & Cape Henry

I do myself the Honor to enclose you a List of the Fleet of great & Good Allies now in the Bay.