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List of the Ships which compose this Fleet

1—110 Guns, 3—84 Guns, 19—74 Guns, 4 64 Guns, 1—50 Guns,
2—44 Frigates, 2—32 Frigates, 1 68 Cutter.

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[William McBryde, To His Excellency Tho^s S. Lee Esq^r]

I Rece^d yours Dated August 30th & therewith £100 New Emission, you may Rely on my doing every thing in my Power with the utmost Dispatch, for the Publick Interest, as farr as that Small Sum will go, tho' am afraid & almost Certain not near that Quantity Can be got in this County, of Cattle fitt for Beef & Salt Provision is now Pretty scare.

I must Confess there is Two things Lately happened that a Good Deal Surprizes me (& I hope your Goodness will Excuse my asking the Reason, & Send it me by first oppertunity. Especially when I Declare on my honour, it is with no other View but to Clear up my own Character, which has been Maliciously & falsly injured,) Viz^t £500, Sent Coll^o Chaillie Com. Gen^l to Purchase Salt Provisions & £500 Sent to this County for Same use, but not sent to the Com: Likewise the Letter sent me Directed to me as the Acting Com: from this it appears you Expected I was Turn'd out, which I hope you'll not do, Till I know for why, & have an opp^y of Showing the World I am innocent, of the Charge, being Guilty of nothing amiss in that Station that I ever was Sencible of, I hope you will Excuse this freedom & Oblige me with an answer, & as Soon as I know how many Cattle, & how much Pork I Can get, will wait on you myself & Bring my old Acc^{ts} to Settle, I have now 18 Barrells Salt Pork by me, & no more Provision of any kind, only a few Beeves,

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[Geo. P. Keepports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

May It Please your Excel^{cy} I have Just Rec^d yours by Express and shall Exert my Self To send Down to morrow all my Purchases which will amount to about 130 Good Blankets made of Cloth Collected in This Town. I am much Afraid of Getting Camp Kettles made up in a Hurry The Workmen in Town will not work for New money. There is no Shoes in Town at Present but shall Exert my self to Procure Them as soon as Possible

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[Chris^r Birckhead Lieu^t T[albot] County To W^m Whitely Esq^r
Lieu^t of Caroline County]

The bearer hereof Allemby Millington at this time and has been for these several years past an enroll'd Militia man in this County; I have also a Certificate from his Captain that he attends constantly at the Muster field and does his duty as a good Soldier. He has also been class'd and stood all the draughts in the County

[Indorsed "Discharged from the Draught in Caroline County 19th Sept^r 1781 by Gov^r & Council"]