

[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.] (Pr favor Capt. Buchanan)

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I have just received a letter from His Excellency General Washington with dispatches from the Count D<sup>e</sup> Grasse, requesting them to be forwarded with all possible expedition, either by a Dispatch Boat, or by Land, as might be thought most eligible.

As we have no certain information that any of the Enemies Vessels are above York River, I have judged it expedient to send them in care of Captain James Buchanan, by water; and have taken the ~~Plater~~ for that purpose

Captain Buchanan waits on your Excellency for further directions, and if judged unsafe for him to proceed to the Fleet, he will deliver you the dispatches to be forwarded by land, in either case, I need not mention the necessity of expediting them

[J. H. Stone, Annapolis to Mr. Hezekiah Reeder, Charles County] September 8

I have yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant, as M<sup>r</sup> Kerrick is a very good & safe driver, I think he is entitled to a greater allowance than common drivers, & perhaps without him the service might be impeded, you had I think best continue to employ him, the highest Price we have given is 20/ 7 Day, which I think you might pay M<sup>r</sup> Kerrick, but this rests altogether with yourself. You are not to forward any more cattle to this place, what you now collect (as you will observe by the Go. & Councils Letter, are to be forwarded without delay to George Town on Potowmack—they sent you the order with £500 by Lansdale, to pay for the Cattle you are to collect & when you want more money, you will apply for it. As the whole Cattle collected by you are to be paid for.

You will either have the wheat immediately manufactured into flour or send it without delay to George Town to be delivered to Thomas Richardson or M<sup>r</sup> Bealle

The Go. & Council not setting I cannot inform what will be the result of your application respecting the Horse.

[John Moale, Baltimore Town to Gov. Lee.]

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I have Committed to Baltimore County Goal a Certain Arthur Kirk late an Inhabitant of this Town. I am Inform'd that he was Mate to a Certain Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hagman who sailed in a Brig from this place sometime in June or July last has Join'd the Enemy and has since Taken several Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of this State. It appears by the Evidence produced to me, that Kirk was put in a Sloop Taken by the Revenge Galley Capt. Bennison belonging either to the King of Great Britain or one of his subjects as Prize Master, and was retaken by a Certain William Belwood; James White, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hall and others, and that he was Standing down the Bay—and by the Evidence of John Thomas a Seaman belonging to