

September 24 Walley the barge which I sold Council, And put on board, Cap<sup>t</sup> Parkers Schooner Fifty six Barrels of pork and Col<sup>o</sup> Challie has sent up the remainder in M<sup>r</sup> James Handys Schooner from Worcester. The £500 Cash which I rec<sup>d</sup> from the treasurer of the Western Shore for the Com<sup>y</sup> of Worcester I forwarded to Col<sup>o</sup> Challie with the letter rec<sup>d</sup> from Council immediately on my return home from Annapolis, And as I found M<sup>r</sup> McBryde disposed to Act as Com<sup>y</sup> in Som<sup>t</sup> Deliv<sup>d</sup> him the 500£ which was deposited in my hands to purchase pork with in this county, I have this day consulted Capt. Walley on the dementions of the new barge Capt. Rob<sup>t</sup> Dashiell has provided the materials workman &c and will finish her in a short time.

September 24 [Doc<sup>t</sup> Ephr<sup>m</sup> Howard (of H<sup>y</sup>), Hill Serene, to Gov. Lee.]

I rec<sup>d</sup> a verbal message by my brother James Howard that you are in want of a quantity of spades, Shovels, and pick axes to be delivered you in a few days. I have not any of those articles by me, but shall be able to supply a considerable quantity by the last of the week between Saturday night & Monday Morning; if you can wait so long; if not, I can supply with a number sooner; though if you can wait 'till the time mentioned the supply may be several hundreds. Please to inform me what number you want of each kind by the young man M<sup>r</sup> Dennis Spurrier; Had I known of this a few weeks before, I could have supply'd you w<sup>th</sup> thousands; and if hereafter such articles shall be wanting, on your giving timely notice any quantity may be had of me. I have sent you the petitions of the inhabitants of Montgomery & Anne Arundel County respect<sup>s</sup> the negroes condemned in Montgomery County relative to their conspiring & attempting to poison M<sup>r</sup> John B. Howard. I flatter myself the sentence pass'd by the Court in conformity to the verdict of the jury will be put in execution. I hope, I shall receive an answer relative to the Spades &c instantly, by w<sup>ch</sup> my conduct will be regulated

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Letter 39 I have been requested to solicit your Excellency and the Council, in Behalf of the Bearer John Lainey and Fred<sup>k</sup> Clabaugh, two reputable Honest Farmers who live in my Neighbourhood, that your Excellency and the Council may condescend to direct and assist them by your Intercession to recover their Waggon and Horses that have been lately impressed into the Service of the State of Virginia.

The Waggon had been employed to take Loads from Philadelphia to Stemtown in Virginia upon their Return they were taken from them by a Quarter Master of the State of Virginia, and as Your Excellency will find by the Certificates herewith presented, for the use and Benefit of that State not for the Service of the Continent or the Continental Army.