

September 26

[John Mitchell, Piscataway To Hon^{ble} Stephen West, Esq^r
Annapolis]

Last Saturday morning I came from Baltimore to Annapolis & hop'd to have had the pleasure of seeing you in the Afternoon & agreeable to your kind promise, should have Craved your Advise & instruction in Negotiateing A bill for Canvace that I supply'd the State with.

I have the real mortification to find that I am liable to Lose £2: 12 by Ever Booth that I most chearfully give up for the use of my Country—but have no Doubt of Redress when represent the real Circumstance to his Exc^v & the Hon^r Councill. I conceive every man who is the real friend to his Country ought to lend Every Aid in his power. I therefore have the sattisfaction to advise you that I have had latly come to hand some Exceeding fine Light Duck, which the State shall have the preferance of at the price Allow'd M^r Jesse Tayler £15: 2: tho he (Jesse Tayler) hath offer'd me Cash in hand £16: 15 should the Councel stand in need of this offer please to write me p^r Charles Lansdail. I had offer'd to go down the Bay, in the French Cutter, as a poilate for one of there ships, but my Doct^r old Wesenthall strongly oppos'd it—the wound in my neck is exceed- ing bad, that I shall lose the pleasure of being a party concern'd in the Taken Cornwallace.

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[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Gov & Council.]

I had the honor to receive yours of the 23^d and would have immediately set out on a tour through my district had I been able to ride but I have been laid up for several days past with a Billious Feaver and at this time am scarcely able to walk across the room.

When you wrote me last on this Subject the Troops were on their march from the Head of Elk to this place and I could not possibly leave home but immediately inclosed a certified copy of your impress warrant with one of my own anexed to the Commissaries of Fred^k and Washington Counties, and wrote them in the most urgent manner possible not only to forward all the flour they had on hand to George Town and this place but not to loose a moment of time in getting the wheat manufactured into good flour & waggoned without delay to George Town as the Combined Army in Virginia would be in immediate want of it, and they write me very favourable on the Subject; copies of their Letters I do myself the honor to enclose for your Satisfaction.

As soon as I am able, shall visit the different Counties on this business and in the mean time will do every thing I can by writing