February 4 cy's interposition. I need not add that the success of the expedition Red Book No. 32 turns upon getting these and the dispatch with which they are Letter 46 procured

February 5 Red Book [James Dick, Londontown, to Gov. Lee.]

No. 29 Letter 12 answd; refused."]

My Daughter Mrs Stewart being desirous of Returning from New York to Maryland with some of her Children I Beg Leave to Pray Your Excellency with the Honble Council will be Pleased to Grant a Permission to her for that Purpose; which I propose to send to her by Mr Archibald Buchanan when he Goes. A Late accident to me by a fall with a Sulky renders me unable to wait upon your Excellency & the Council in Person.

February 5

[Fielder Gannt, Frederick to Gov. Lee]

I wrote you last Thursday but detained the letter expecting Coll Woods return he being hourly expected, but not yet arrived, there never was worse management, than what is practiced respecting the prisoners & Guard in Frederick, last Thursday night the Magazeen was again broake open by the Guard, their waggons go out & take away wood where ever they see it corded, they have several times taken wood from me, I have so often toald G. Murdock that I would supply them with wood, but no person will come out to view it & take an account of it, I have this day sent to Murdock requesting him to meet me at the wood & examing it before it is carryed away

If you can spare time pleas to inform me by B. Wood whether their is a prospect of these Troops being removed speedily I understand the officers a few excepted are going off Imediately they have done great Injury to our money by offering hard money for sale the disaffected have got Exchange to 130 p C & I doubt not but in one month it will be 200, their Bills are purchas'd by Smith Snatsall &c to great advantage if paid.

The bearer Bob Wood is a buisie fellow I hope you will not mention anything before him that I mention to you,

I have had a very sick family since I came from Annapolis which prevented my return,

Red Book No. 28 Letter 62

February 5 [James Nicholson, Baltimore, to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r in Council]

> By a Letter received from Philada of the 28th part from the Board of Admiralty, I am orderd to inquire minutely into the State of all the Public Naval property delivered, or now remaining in the State of Maryland, and in particular what has been done with a number of Twelve pound Cannon that was delivered by Mess^{rs} Dan¹ & Sam. Hughs in this Town, And as I am well informed that two or three of the States Gallies were Gunned in their Prow & stern with those Guns, and as those Vessels are now become private property, I have