

February 6 lus, and what Compensation the State will make the owners for the Depreciation on the money advanced for the two Cargoes; Gold was then 85 and is now above 100 for 1. We wish not that Gold should be the Standard of the Value of our Paper money, but as its so Esteemed not only by the far greater Part of the People, but also by the Legislature and we have many Contracts payable in Specie we must sink the Difference between the Price of Gold at the time we advanced the Currency to Purchase the Flour and the Price of that Article at this day, unless the Government will make the Currency it owes us, of the Value when advanced If the Gov^r & Council cannot agree to make up the Depreciation we would take the Sugars in our Hands in Payment at £6 7 C^t and New State money for the Residue and if the whole cannot be paid we would wish that the State would agree to pay the Balance in New State money

February 6 [Patrick Hamilton, Cecil County, to Gov. Lee]

Your Excellency's Order dated the 24th Ult^o in favor of M^r William Mackey for seven hundred and nine pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence of the new emission, was lately presented to me for payment by M^r W. Mackey, but as it is drawn on the western shore Treasurer, I was fearful of discharging it, least the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore would not discount it with me. A Letter from your Excellency, either to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore or to me to pay the above Order will greatly oblige M^r Mackey. If not he will certainly be greatly distressed by those of whom he purchased Horses.

February 6 [Sam'l Purviance, Jun'r, Baltimore, to His Excellency,
Thomas Sym Lee, Esqr.]

Captain Murray being very solicitous to find a Prisoner exchangeable for himself, I beg leave to trouble you with a Letter which I sometime ago received from Presd^t Reed of Pensyl^a in answer to a Letter which I wrote him at the desire of M^r Lindenberger concerning a Captⁿ Shoemaker & a M^r Steinmets who are confined in the Prison of this Town & who M^r Lindenberger supposed to be Subjects of Pensylv^a & consequently amenable to its Laws. As I understand that you have refused to exchange Shoemaker: I conceived it might proceed from the same opinion that he was subject to the Laws of Pensylv^a However that may be, I am inclined to think from the tenor of President Reeds Letter that he does not wish to be troubled with the Fellow.—Shoud there appear to you Sir no other objection against exchanging Shoemk^r than what I have conjectured, I hope you will consent to his being exchanged for Captⁿ Murray, for whose Liberty I am much interested, both from Personal Regard to his merit, and from the consideration of his being Captivated in our Employment.