

November 8 America, If nothing appears from the Examination of M^r Stumps papers to induce Your Excellency to believe otherwise of him I should be glad to hear they are return'd him as I know he must suffer from the detention of his Books of Accounts.

November 8 [John Stump, son of John, Harford County to Gov. Lee &
Red Book the Council.]
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May it Please Your Excellency and the Honourable Council This will be handed you by M^r Benjamin Bradford Norris who going down to the Assembly have obtained the favour of him to wait upon you with it; I Wrote you some time Since by John Patrick Esq^r for my Books & Papers, but he Informed me they Cou'd not be had in less than two or three Days which time he cou'd not wait; Therefore have taken the Liberty to write you again on the Subject; Suppose it wou'd be Needless to say any more than I have said in my Former Letters with Respect to what I suffer for the want of them; but That it may Please Your Excellency & the Honourable Council to have them carefully seiled up & Delivered to M^r Norris;

And that it may Further Please your Excellency and the Honourable Council; to Consider the Situation I am in, Confind to the County, and Thereby deprived even the Liberty of going to see my (Relations) or looking after my Property as the Chief of both lies in other Countys, Indeed the Chief I am worth have laid out In Erecting a Very Commodious Merchant Mill Nearly Equal to any in the State; have got her Compleated all but the (Stones and Clothes,) she will be of Publick Benefit when Finished, which is out of my Power for want of my Books to Collect the money; and the Liberty to go after the Stones & Cloths (and so she Stands:) which is a Very Considerable loss to me, as well as the Publick; It Realy wou'd be endless for me to mention what I suffer on Acc^t my Confinement, and although you may look upon me In what Point of View you Please; yet I am Conscious that I have always Acted the part of a good Subject; and a Real Friend to the Common Cause of American Liberty; Therefore I hope your Excellency & the Honourable Council will at least think me Entitled the Common Priviledge of a fine Subject; and that I may be no longer Confined to the County; and if it should be Required can give any Security for my good behaviour towards the State; Inclosed is a Certificate of my Character; and as I Mentioned In my last; hope you have found nothing In the Books Contrary to Law; or any way Prejudicial to the Common Cause of America

November 9 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency Thomas S.
Red Book Lee, Esqr.]
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And please your Excell^{cy} & Honors In my long letter of the 22^d October I did myself the Honour of acquainting you of my difficulties being out of money and Credit though much in debt having