

[Js. Mercer, St. James's, to R^t F. Hooe, Alex^a.]

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I write you now pursuant to the plan of Correspondence promised in my first. But I have nothing of importance to communicate, nor nothing new unless it may be so, that the seven Ships mentioned in my last, to be at George's Island, certainly left that place on Tuesday last. I suppose for Portsmouth as we are certain the Enemy are finishing the works at that place which indicates an Intention to fix the Post there—they have great success in procuring our Slaves & we hear their practice is to return those that belong to widows or orphans & those who will pass their paroles provided the persons have not been active in the opposition.

[Col^o Leon^d Marbury, George Town, to His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esquire]

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I Observe from an Act Pass'd the last Session of Assembly that any person, driven by the Enemy from the Southern States are exempt from Taxation, Provided they have taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State from which they came, the General & myself being Continental Officers it Can't admit of a Doubt but we have done so, the Other Gentlemen mention'd, your Excellency may rest assured have not only taken the Oaths but have done every thing that good Citizens cou'd do in support of their Country.—They being out of the way oblidges me in their behalf to request that your Excellency will be so good as to lay the inclos'd before the Honble Council & shou'd it meet with your & their approbation please Grant such Permits as are necessary for our Settling in this State & to receive the Benefit of the said Law

[Baruck Williams, Head of Elk, to Gov. Lee]

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Col^o Thompson's indisposition occasions my now writing on the Subject which he had orders to Execute against J. Stump. I have therefore to inform you that he has not been in the County since the Col^s receipt of the warrant, at his request I went after Stump into Harford but could not find him

By Col Hollingsworth I received £250 State money and in Consequence of your orders have purchased about 800 Bush^{ls} of Corn which is delivered at Elk I have also Contracted for a Quantity of Hay some of which is delivered and Consumed. There is a necessity for my having more money if you think proper I shall be glad of an order on the Collector of this County for £1000 State money which will Enable me to Comply with my Engagements & also have it in my power to git more

[P. Adams to His Excel^y the Gov^r & Council]

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M^r Lockett being desirous of going home on some private business and informs that Cap^t Warfield will do his duty at the Magazine