

P. S. The People are many of them Executed for their Tax while I am indebted to them for Forage and my Certificates for Forage will not be Reced for Taxes, by either the Sheriff or Commissioners the people are therefore much distressed though they have parted with their property in Expectation of making payment for particulars I refer you to M^r Williams

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[Geo. P. Keepports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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May It please Your Excellcy. I Hithertoo Omitted Acknowledging the Receipt of Your Letter of the 8th Inst. with the Tobacco notes for 54 Hh^{ds} which I Received p^r M^r R. Ridgely since the Receipt of which I have Done the Utmost in my Power to sell them for Cash but Cannot Find a Purchasser. If the Tobacco Could be brought to this Town there is many who would Purchase and It would Command 17/6 to 20/ p C^t which at the Lowest Price is 5/ p C^t more then Can be got for the notes. The Tobacco notes you were pleas'd to Give me on Acco^t I have Sold for 12/6 p C^t and no Allowance for the Casks. Yours of the 18th & 19th Inst. I've Likewise Receiv^d and In Compliance with the Former have Purchased 20 Ream of Paper for Printing the Laws and sent it to M^r Fred^k Green, Fine paper I Could not Purchase without Paying the money Down which I Cou'd not do as M^r Calhoun did not Deliver me the Flour Imediately and Cannot sett a Time when he will Deliver it I am at a Loss how to make Engagements for Pay^t In Compliance with your Order of the 19th Inst. have purchased the Blankets Shoes and a Sufficiency of Cloth and Trimings for making 30 Suits Cloaths, Hats I've Likewise so Engaged which will be Done Some Time next week. The Blankets and shoes I shall send Down as soon as I Can get a Conveyance The Cloths I shall give out Imediately and have them made up which with the Hats shall be sent Down Next week

The whole of the purchases I have made Payable at Two and three weeks Credit To Enable me to Comply with my Engagements I Begg Your Excellcy to Furnish me Imediately with Tobacco or Flour to the Am^t of £300 or 400£ and Inform me If I may Take 12/6 p C^t for those notes I now have in hand

Baltimore Jan^{ry} 8th 1782

May It Please Your Excellcy I wrote the 29th Ult^o and Informed your Excellency of Compleating the Purchass of 30 suits Cloaths &c and of the Terms on which I obtained Credit some of the first Paym^t because Due yesterday and I had Pledged myself for the Punctual Payment was obliged to Borrow money to save my Credit I shall be much obliged to your Excellcy to Furnish me Imediately with Tobacco or Flour (Flour will be the Readiest sale) to Enable me to Comply with my Contracts—and Inform me If I may Sell the Tobacco Notes I now have on hand at 12/6 p^r C^t