cargo from whom none Could be lost, yet undiscover'd. The Diffi-February 8 culty & Expence of my attending at St. Mary's will deter me from Red Book the prosecution. If your Excell will order the prosecutions to be Letter 22 remov'd to Anapolis I will attend with pleasure to stop if possible this growing Evil, some Men of Considerable property are among the plunderers. I left a List of Vacancies for my Reg^t of Militia, which your Excelly order'd to be fill'd I shall be glad to have them sent up I shall also be glad to have the specific Receipt for Virga forwarded me, I wish to settle all my Business immy my Misfortunes have been such as will oblige me I fear to go abroad in the Spring. Unless your Excelly & the Honble the Council think me worthy to fill the Post of Vendue Master for this Town, my absence on the Cato's Business prevented my application sooner

A List of Officers wanting in Coll. S. Smith's Battalion of Militia. Ibid. Letter 15 Capt Kraner's Compy

2nd Lieu^t James Howard, in room of a person who I am inform'd by Capt Kraner resign'd some time.

Formerly the Mercantil Compy Capt Richard Ridgely but became a New Compy hav-I Liev^t Thomas Dewitt ing been entirely depriv'd of 2 Lieu. William Clem Ensign Mark Alexander Officers.

Capt B. Dickenson's Compy

I Lieut John G. Hamilton Jr room of Caleb Shield, who is always drunk & Sometimes Crazy.

2nd Lieut Jacob Brown, in room of John Cannon resign'd & dead Ensign Samuel Burtis

Sam Smith, Coll.

[Her's Courtenay, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr] February 9

I had the honour of Writing your Excellency a few days past with samples of some Cloths, since Which I have not the pleasure of hearing from you; the day after my last letter Genl Gist was looking at the Cloths & stockings I wrote you of & highly approves of them & Desired that I wd make use of his name on that head. Which I had not until now an opportunity of doing; these goods are very low charged & if you see fitt to Accept of them at my prices, shall be glad to be favoured with an Answer; as some of them are daily going off & tho the State Money is not yet become generaly circulant I will Indeavour as far as I can to show how much I approve of it, by Accepting it in payment

[Holker, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.]

It is now many months since the flour & wheat purchased under No. 8 the sanction & authority of the then Governor & Council of Maryland By William Smith Esquire of Baltimore for the use of the

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