

February 12 as I dont see that we can do without it, have drawn the Eight thou-  
 Red Book sand pounds continental of M<sup>r</sup> Pat<sup>k</sup> Hamilton collector for this  
 No. 30 County, which I got the order for Sept<sup>r</sup> last. (to enable me to com-  
 Letter 121 plet this business) and if there be any such Horses should be glad  
 to have an order for them—

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[Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

I did myself the honor yesterday to address a few lines to you by M. de Marbois, & the Counts Charles & Dillon. A vessel from Cadiz arrivd here the day before yesterday: The president received by this opportunity letters from M<sup>r</sup> Carmichael, the last dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> none from M<sup>r</sup> Jay. The Combind fleets had separated the French under the Command of D'Estaing suppos'd to have saild for Brest, but no intelligence had been received of his arrival there, tho' there had been full time to have heard it. The Empress Queen dead, the Dutch had acceded to the arm'd neutrality. The dificulty about the navigation of the Mississippi remains; It will I believe be remov'd on our part in a few days. Preparations were making in England to send more troops, suppos'd to be destin'd to fix a Post at Portsmouth, and a part for Charles Town, He hopes our Ally will frustrate their design I will endeavour to be more particular on this head by Co<sup>l</sup> Forrest who will leave us in a day or two. Intelligence has been receiv'd, that two ships of the line, & a frigate put out from Gardiners Bay to intercept two French Frigates from Boston to Newport; they were in the storm about the 20<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> The French frigates had got into Newport with little damage, one of the British Ships returnd dismasted & very considerably damaged, the other believ'd to be cast away on Montuck point. The frigate return'd.

The Mutiny which arose in part of the Jersey line has been properly settled—two of them executed, which I hope will put a stop to that dangerous Spirit.

Please to present my Comp<sup>s</sup> to y<sup>r</sup> Lady & to the Gentlemen of the Council. I will endeavour to comply with my promise to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brice, Stone & Wright by this Post, by next, certainly.

February 13 [David Craufurd, to Gov. Lee] (Honoured by A. Contee, Esq.)

By a Law that passed the last Sessions I think their is to be a Vendue master appointed in each County. If their is none yet appointed for Prince Georges County I beg leave to recommend to your Excellency and the Honourable Council M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Brooks as a very Proper person for that Office, and I am well convinced should he be appointed to that place that he will Discharge his duty with the greatest Fidelity and give very general Satisfaction in the County.