

without doing any thing further, but proposes to be here again
In the mean time I have thought it proper Sir to inform the
President, through you that these lands are private property, and that
I have not in the recess of the Legislature any authority to purchase
them on behalf of the State. The Point intended for the principal fort
belongs to Benjamin Ogles Esquire, who will, it is believed cede the property
for a proper consideration. The opposite side of the harbour is a life Estate
in the tenure of Mr David Kern of Talbot County and cannot without the aid
of a particular law be conveyed to the United States. I can only add
that in any thing that depends on me I shall proudly promote the
Presidents views, if upon this information he shall be disposed to treat with
Mr Ogles for the Land required.

The Honble Henry Knox Esquire
Secretary of War.

I have the Honour to be Sir
Yours
Tho: S. Lee.

In Council Annapolis July 8th 1794.

Sir

I have the Honour to enclose for the consideration
of the President of the United States a letter lately received from
Mr Dodge the Superintendent of the Fortifications at Baltimore, upon
which as the Works have so recently undergone the Inspection of the
President, it is only necessary to remark that the surplus timber and
plank mentioned by him will if it shall be found to answer the purpose
be made use of in the Fortifications to be erected here.

The Honble Henry Knox Esquire
Secretary of War.

I have the Honour to be Sir
Yours
Tho: S. Lee.

In Council Annapolis July 23rd 1794

Sir

In the absence of the Governor who is on a visit
to the Berkley Springs, we have received the within letter and
enclosure from the Secretary of War. As we are not empowered to
interfere on the Subject of this communication I have thought it