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We have the honor of your letter of the sixteenth Instant. That of an earlier date to apprise us of your capture was also received. We are apprehensive that it will be a considerable time before it will be in the power of the Government to exchange you. No doubt the exchange of prisoners their own Officers will have a preference to those of the States and from present appearances it may be inferred that the time is not very near at hand when the balance of prisoners will be in our favour. An account has been given of your capture in the London Star and thence copied into other papers. No censure being attached to you it seems unnecessary to direct any other publication on the subject. We have little news from the Eastern Shore and we every day fear to receive accounts of some disaster there. No attack has been made on this place and from the force which we have here and the forbearance for such a length of time we have persuaded ourselves that an attack on this place is not intended. We are with Respect
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Levin Windsor

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We have received your two several letters enclosing in each a draught of \$100.00 upon the Excise. These draughts will be promptly paid. The intercourse between this place and Talbot County being in effect impossible for us to have any immediate communication with the officers there, and the same may in consequence suffer. If further sums of money should be found necessary and you can make it convenient to advance them, our agents here shall be immediately discharged. We still have the enemy in great force here and are fearful that it is their design to retain their position for some time. You see then one or two of their vessels go down but others come up so that they are ready as long as ever. With the assistance of the force which the United States have ordered to this place we hope to be able to reject any attack which may be made here. We fear however that the exposed points on the Eastern Shore will be visited by them and as they may select whatever place seems to be the least prepared for receiving them, it is much to be apprehended that considerable loss and destruction will take place. We are
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