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No. 20 in the course of a short time he found himself in possession of the *nominal* sum of his whole Fortune, paid in to him contrary to his wishes. In that situation he had nothing left but to employ his money in Trade, or be utterly ruined. A few Days before this violent Frost sat in, he went to Baltimore, laid out a large sum of Money for articles of Trade, to employ him thro' the Winter. The Vessel bearing his purchases from Baltimore was caught in the Ice, & was lost with her whole Cargoe—Such is the fate of this Worthy man.

Should your Excellency with your Council, have any appointments to make on this Shore, that would be advantageous, I can pledge myself you will not be deceived by applying to M^r Voorhees, who I think has a competent knowledge of business for the transacting any matters he may be entrusted with, with that kind of integrity which is not common enough amongst Man Kind

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[Robt. Conway, Alexandria to Gov Lee]

Sir Should you want a Commander for a vessel, thats proper for the times to trade to any part of Europe; or the westindes I am ready & willing to act in such a one as you think me deserving of; If such a person be wanting & you think me proper; the sooner you Inform me the better, because Immediately after the Ice brakes away I shall proceed Down the River, to Wiccomoco in Virginia

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[W. Smith, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee " In Council "]

Sir I am directed to repeat my application, to your Excellency, for permission to load with flour &^{ca} the Brigantine Hawke, Captain Taylor, for the use of the fleet & army of his most christian majesty, in the West Indies. Should this requisition be granted your favouring me with a permit by return of the Saturdays post, another good opportunity, will save the expence of an express to Annapolis, for that purpose as I am directed to load this Brig to be ready to proceed to sea at the breaking up of the frost. I would Just leave to observe that I have some reason to believe, that my conduct respecting the French flour in my possession has been greatly misrepresented at your Board, by the Comm^{rs} for seizing flour &^{ca} in this town. I am told they have said, I spoke in very disrespectful terms, of your Excell^y & the Council and I would wish to have it in my power to remove any impressions to my prejudice from your Honble board, for whose character I have the greatest respect, therefore if not improper, I would be much obliged by a copy of their letter so far as my character is concerned

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[Rich'd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I am indebted to M^r Samuel Hughs for wheat purchased from his Overseer on Spesutia Island and as he informs me he wants the