

[Dan'l Bowley Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] May 20

Sir In the Spring of 1778 There were several parcels of Goods on Public account arrived in this State addressd M<sup>r</sup> William Lux Continental Agent. Among others which arrived at the Eastern Shore Inlets, were 2 Bales Buckrooms, 2 Tierces and one hhd Medicine markt as below which it seems never got to head Quarters

As these Goods were Carted up to Cambridge and from thence taken on board one of the Galleys (Capt. Matthews) to be forwarded to Elk, I am inclined to think some, if not all of those missing must have been received in the public Stores at Annapolis.

Doct<sup>r</sup> Bond informed me some time ago that he saw a hh<sup>d</sup> of medicine which answered the discription of one of the missing exactly. As the public are now in want and have sent the Bearer Doct<sup>r</sup> Wilson down on purpose to search for them. Your Excellency will no doubt have Enquiry made, and if found, deliver them. I have made a note at Bottom of the Contents of the hh<sup>d</sup> which if it answers to the one seen by Doct<sup>r</sup> Bond amounts to a certainty it is the same we want

Missing

2 Bales Buckram V M C N 25-26 2 Tierces Medicine d<sup>o</sup> 24-25 1 hh<sup>d</sup> Mark E C N<sup>o</sup> 12 Containing 204 Camphir 124 Cream. Tart. 100 Ipecacuanha 100 Opium 57½ Aloes 30 Emetic Tar. 24 Sal Saturnus 30 red precipitat 51 fol Senna 30 Coros Mercury 68 Copenhagen Rheubard.

[Matt. Ridley Baltimore to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr] May 20

Sir I take the liberty of sending you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Johnson to the late Governor, which will be forwarded you by Gen<sup>l</sup> Gist. The Occasion of it, is this. One of the Young Gentleman alluded to M<sup>r</sup> Beavet is arrived in the Tom Johnson, his desire is to get into our Army. his Zeal has hurried him so far as to induce him to quit Europe not only without other necessary Letters of recommendation, except one I have from Capt: Robinson at Nantes, but even without the means of support, should he fail in his intentions. He is an entire Stranger to me; but I have inquired of him from M<sup>r</sup> Stewart who came in with him & he gives him a good Character. Upon mentioning the Affair to Gen<sup>l</sup> Gist he kindly and I may say humanely undertook to recommend him & endeavour to procure for him such Commission as our present regulation of the Army would admit. He is young & modest, and I do believe from what opinion I can form from the little I have seen of him will not be wanting in gratitude or duty for any Favor conferred him. If in your Power to assist his intentions I hope you will. He has been bred to the Law but as inclination prompts him to the military Line he may with a little instruction & experience make a