

in Port, three of the Men I shall recover, they being on board the Confederacy.

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[Jonas Chambers Dated at Head of Elk to His Excellency
Governor Sim Lee]

May it Please Your Excellency I Receiv^d a Certificate 27th Aug^t 1780 signed John Smith Brookes, Commissary of Purchase for Prince Geo^s County, for 18 B^{bls} Herring at 130£ p^r B^{ble} & on the 28th Day after the Date of said Certificate I produced the same to your Excellency, Either to Receive the contents or to no If it would pay my Publick Assess, Viz. Money & tobacco tax (as for tobacco in this part of Cecil County they Raise none) & also If I Remember Right, Your Excellency informed me it would answer that End in aney part of the s^d State, I have since produc^d it to the Collector or Shf of s^d County of Cecil, Who has Laid it before the Commissioners & has absolutely Refused taking it in pay for myself & Neighbours, for s^d tax, I no not how to pay my taxes which is onley £340 odd £ I went to Potomack Last Spring & cur^d 192 B^{ls} of Shadd & Herrings of Which the Publick has had the greatest part, & I cannot command Aney Cash for the same. part of the objection is, Because herrings is not Mentioned in the Act. I Look up to your Excellencys goodness to send me & answer to convince the commissioners in my favour that s^d Certificate will answer s^d End, as they have Desired me to Wright to you on the occation & would waight for an answer, Which I hope you would be Pleased to favour me by this Post, for Which I shall be for Ever Bound to Pray &c, &c.

I take the freedom to Subscribe myself Your most obedient & H^{ble} Serv^t

[L. Master, Baltimore to the Honble — Leigh, Esqr]

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Sir I came here from New Providence with a Flag & 33 Prisoners intending to call at Annap^s but being unacquainted & not able to get a Pilote I unfortunately overrun the port a good way, & by good luck met with a man th^t untook to carry us to this port it being the unanimous opinion of the Capt^{ns} there on board th^t it w^d be highly imprudent to attempt to return having had the misfortune to loose my sheet Anchor & Spring my mast w^{ch} I hope y^r Honour will think a sufficient plea for my not paying my respects to you.

I came from N Prov^e at a very few days notice w^{ch} prevented me cleaning my Vessel as it was thought improper to stay on Acc^t of the approaching Equinox so th^t I hope your Honour will allow me to go on shore (w^{ch} I am not permitted to do) while she is cleaning & to get a Mast & do whatever is necessary for the preservation of myself & property & y^r Honour will greatly oblige