

December 8 Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith That early in the Morning of Thursday last he was taken in a small Schooner Loaded with nine hh^{ds} of Tobacco off Poplar Island by a small Pilot Boat with a white Bottom that carries a Gib that the Boat was owned and Commanded by Joseph Whaland and manned with twelve men armed with Muskets, Cutlasses and Pistols that the Boat was without Guns

December 9 [Patrick Macgill, Elk Ridge Landing, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Sir There has been two Gun Caridges upon my Warfe at this place ever since M^r Long moved them from Annapolis, If they are to be sold I will give the same price as such sold for at Baltimore Fort at Vendue, there is a number of the Irons stole from them since they came here if it is agreeable I will remitt the Cash for them by the first safe hand

December 11 [Don'l Yeates, Elk, to Gov. Lee.]

Hon^d Sir having informed you of my situation in the Quarter Masters department in regard to forage, I was in hopes as the Gen^l Assembly is setting of meeting assistance; still in hopes a Supply may be procured; the situation I am in obliges me to renew my application; I am informed the State supplys is all the dependance; I have not rec^d any short forage or pay from this State tho' the season is thus far Advanced, the Perishable part of the property now in my Possession is suffering much for want. on the draught horses the business of forwarding the Stores and provisions both to the Northern and Southern Armys solely depends; much business is now required in transporting Stores to the southw^d by Orders from M. G. Green; I am entirely out of forage at this Post and Baltimore where there is the greatest necessity of supplying the wag-gons passing on to Alexandria. Permit me to Appeal to you for your Aid and Assistance in this matter. I am Apprehensive owing to the want of money and other difculties that it won't be in my Power ere long to forward the flow'r and other Provisions unless I can gain forage soon; to keep up the teams and Supply some Private teams willing to hire if forage is found them. Agreeable to your directions I have forwarded all the cattle that has been delivered me; but have been Embarrassed in the delivery in Philad^a on acco^t of the Cattle coming in poor and unfit for present Use Col^o Hollingsworth informed me he had orders not to deliver on terms of discrimination at this Post, the Board of Warr has taken up this matter; and ordered all that is unfit for use to be disposed of, as not being Agreeable to the requisition of supply for this State I have Just rec^d twenty two head that came in from S^t Marys County all Poor I refer you to Col^o Hollingsworth for a report of them