

April 17 to a determination to have Killed him in a few days if he had not been sold, the Lard Tallow & Hides of the Public in my care I should be glad to know what to do with, I enclose Doc^r Reeders certificate that St. Marys Warehouse is Burnt.

April 17 [Zacha Forrest, St. Marys County, to Gov. Lee]

The bearer M^r Mills brings with him a deserter from the Continental Army, not having a Goal in our county nor any Officer there to receive him and one other who was committed at the same time having escaped from me, are reasons which I hope will excuse me in begging that your excellency will order the said deserter to be taken in care by some Officer so as to discharge me. I also hope you'll be pleas'd to send some orders respecting the negro man under sentence of Death, he is young and healthy and would make a fine Soldier. if acquitted

[Lafayette, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

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I have the Honor to inform Your Excellency that the detachment under my command Have Passed this day through Baltimore and will encamp on the other side of the Ridge ferry where they will Remain to morrow By which time I may Be Honored with An Answer from Your Excellency

Intelligence from the Enemy and letters from General Greene oblige me to Enter as soon as possible into the State of Virginia—the fatigue of the troops, the Absolute want of shoes, and the desire of Having as many Rivers as possible Behind us to prevent desertion are the Reasons which, tho with Reluctance, Have forced me to impress a large number of Waggons to carry the troops as far as Potowmack. The distance Being But short, and the time of their service not Exceeding two days, I thought I might make a free use of the permission Given By Your Excellency and Council to impress every thing which would be necessary to forward the movements of this detachment. By a Letter from Baron de Strüben dated at Chesterfield Court House the 1st of this month I find that General Philips is Arrived with 1500 or 2000 Men—the Enemy keep still within their lines and their projects are as yet unknown

Some days ago I Had the Honor of Giving to Your Excellency An Account of a discovery I Had the Good Luck to Make Relating to a mode of furnishing flour to the Enemy which Many disaffected People within this state seem to Have Adopted. One Paul [illegible] a quaker Has Made His Escape, But if ever He was Retaken I Beg Leave to Request He would Be sent to the Military Authority.

Pigot Being Convinced of coming within the description of a Spy was Hanged at Susquehana ferry. Out of three others being Concerned in this trade who upon the information of Pigot were taken up, and whom the Lieutenant of the County Requested Major McPherson to Carry off with Him One Has Been shot in Attempting