

April 17 the enemys vessels which were above sailed down Potomack and
 Red Book were below Cedar Point at eleven O'clock—they have done no dam-
 No. 4 age since I last wrote you, except destroying Col Lyles house of which
 Letter 117 you have no doubt been informed I expect we shall have frequent
 [copy: in- visits from these plundering Banditts & hope we will so well pre-
 dorsed on back "Orig- inal with
 Mr. Meredith
 Balto."] visits from these plundering Banditts & hope we will so well pre-
 pare as to repel their attack that they will find the business as un-
 profitable as it is disgraceful. We thank your Excellency and Coun-
 cil for your kind attention in forwarding the Arms.

April 18 [Geo. Lindenberger, Baltimore Town to His Excellency
 Tho^s Sim Lee]

When I sent your Excellency my first Letter dated 11th In-
 stant concerning Cromwel, I had no information on Oath nor any
 Deposition, as your Excell^y will have no doubt observed, therefore
 I send a Letter to Rich^d Dallam Esq^r desiring him to furnish me
 with Copys in Consequence of which he has sent me the Inclosed.
 I therefore think proper to transmit the same to your Excellency as
 Early as it was in my power

April 19 [Ridley and Pringle Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee
 Esq^r in Council]

It is with much Concern we perceive by your letter of the 12th
 Current that you reject the Certificate granted to us, in payment of
 the Specie due for the Purchase we made of Confiscated Property.
 If your Hon^{ble} Board will take the trouble to revert to our Acco^t &
 for a moment reflect on the Circumstances, as well as the Disad-
 vantages to which we are subjected, by being so long with held from
 Payment, we cannot doubt but that you will indulge our request
 especially, as the Act, to which you are pleased to use establishes our
 Title.

We beg leave to assure you that it is with the utmost reluctance
 we renew our application, but the urgency of our Situation lays us
 under that necessity.

April 20 [Benjamin Griffith, Commissary, to Gov. Lee.]

I have Deliver'd ten good Steers for the Marquis which will Aver-
 idge near two thousand pounds Each and Other Costs the Commis-
 sioners Can Draw on the Collector for two hundred pounds Only
 specie that will soon be Expended Other ways for halling and flour
 Casks, for those articles I advanc'd Above four thousand pounds
 before I receiv'd a shilling from the State. I hope your Honours
 will take those things under Consideration and send me p^r M^r Jn^o
 Dorsey as much Cash as will pay for the Steers or a Draft on the
 Collector for so much I do not like to be Dun'd