

May 3 will be taken & a Number of Good men & worthy Citizens must be ruin'd, therefore if any thing is possible to be done to prevent it I hope our Excellency will give me immediate directions.

I recec^d in the last month upwards of 3000 Bush^{ls} of wheat & more is still coming in the Enemy being on our coast Prevented many from delivering & we could not appoint a place where the inhabitants on the water could deliver their wheat what had been d^o I was oblig'd to remove I had Your Excellencys order to remove public Stores to places of absolute Security it was out of my Power to procure Teams at that time to remove it to such a place, nor do I know how far this order intend'd I apprehend'd if I remove the flour &c. at such a distance from the Water that it w^{ld} be safe from a small party coming after it w^{ld} be complying therewith but If Your Excellency wishes the Stores to be secured I shall proceed immediately on notice to procure Houses on the N. Side deer Creek near to York County, for this Purpose I must be Authorised to impress teams. I shall stand in need of a Waggon or two all summer if Your Excellency thinks Proper I will purchase & fit up 2 teams, without them I see no way of doing my Business, the trouble & expence of impressing even the Teams I shall want with more then the first Cost of 2 teams to the State renders agreavance to the People for we have no Teams kept for the road in the County.

I flatter myself Your Excellency will excuse my so frequently giveing so much Trouble with long tedious Epistles

May 3

[Dan'l Hughes, Balt. to Gov. Lee.]

I wrote you last week that I intended to Washington County, and in case I did not hear from you that I should have the Prisoners here under the care of Major Smith, I have been longer detained then I expected but hope to get away in a few days. Capt. Folger of the Antelope has Captured and brought in here, Capt Mathew Mangin, Lieu^t William Lewis, and Josiah Johnston Master, taken on board the Privateers, Jack in the Lanthorn, Lieut. John Chambers and Nicolas Burns, taken on board the Resolution. Capt. Mangin is desirous of a Parole, to endeavour to effect, the Exchange of himself and Crew, for an equal Number of the Subjects of this State, now in Captivity. There is Seventeen Seamen Prisoners of war in Goal besides, which if an Exchange is not expected shortly had best be moved to Frederick, for they are not secure here

May 4

[Rich'd Barnes, Len^d Town to Gov. Lee.]

I herewith send you under Guard, Three Prisoners, part of the same Crew that I sent to you, takin in a Canoe at Point Look out together with John Taloe, who was takin up in consequence of a paper signed Arthur Gage &c. which was found in the pocket of one