

May 10 lency and Honours would direct me in what manner I shall proceed whether I shall collect at the exchange the Commissioners have fixed—or at the rait difference between hard Money and State Bills

May 11 [Hercules Courtenay, Baltimore, To His Excellency the Governor & Council of Maryland.]

Some days being now past since payment for the Cloths & Stockings sold you for the use of the State sh<sup>d</sup> be made; therefore thought proper to remind you thereof & to request the favour of a line from you to Advise What day I sh<sup>d</sup> Waite on you for payment as above, particularly as Money Daily Depreciates & I w<sup>d</sup> not Wish the fault to lay with me, in not Calling on you in proper time & also that I w<sup>d</sup> not wish to Incur the expence of a second Journey to Annapolis on that business.

[M. Gist, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.]

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I am directed by General Greene to proceed to the Delaware State, and from thence to Philadelphia on public business but as my private Stock of Cash is entirely exhausted I have been oblig'd to come thus far out of my way to solicit your Assistance.

I am Informd that the state of your Treasury will not admit of a supply of money for my Expences I must therefore request the favor of Your Excellency and Council to direct the continental Treasurer to advance me about £25 specie or the value thereof to enable me to comply with the Generals Orders which are of much importance

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[Richard Smyth and Sam. Blunt to Mr Mure, Annapolis.]

I shuld be glad if you Will uze your Intrust With his Excellency or the Comseary of the Cyty or State of Maryland to give Me a Lod of the States Tobaco as I am Laing at M<sup>r</sup> Blunts Warehouse and am Ready to take of a Lode of about Thirty hogsheads In the Skuner Portomoke Belonging to Baltimore and if you will Be so kind to send me the Nots over to M<sup>r</sup> Rolings With My orders I Will Execute them as sune as Posable from your Humbil Searvent Richard Smyth

P. S. I think the Tobacco in my Ware house now lies at the Mercy of the Enemy, and as M<sup>r</sup> Smyth wants a freight and there is a large Quantity of Tobacco in the house the Property of the State of Maryland it would be Better for him to take a load of it to a place of more Safety Sam Blunt

May 12  
Red Book  
No. 5  
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[Dan'l Carroll, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

An express just setting out gives me an opportunity of enclosing this days paper. By some accident no Letter came by the Vessel from L'Orient as I am inform'd, not even to the Merchants who have