

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency  
Governor Lee.]

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My Letter of yesterday addressed to your Excellency & which accompanies this, contains such important Intelligence, that Congress have thought it indispensible to communicate the same to the Legislatures of the several States, through their respective supreme Magistrates as soon as possible; at the same Time the Intelligence is of a Nature that ought to be kept secret as may be at present. I am therefore directed to request that effectual Measures may be observed to prevent Copies or Extracts of the Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant from being taken or published.

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Your Excellency will receive enclosed, an Act of Congress of the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult. earnestly recommending to the State of Maryland immediately to raise & equip for the Field a certain number of Troops.

Since passing this Act, Intelligence received of the Progress of the Enemy in Virginia & the distressed situation of a Sister State, the great Inferiority of our Continental Troops in Virginia under the Command of the Marquis de la Fayette, render the reinforcements requested more pressing, and require the greatest Expedition to hasten them forward. It is earnestly wished & hoped, under present Circumstances, Volunteers will offer themselves without the least Delay, and join our Troops in such Numbers as immediately to check the Progress of the Enemy, & effectually repel them in due Time.

[Geo. P. Keepports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] (Fav<sup>d</sup> by Colo<sup>o</sup> Smith)

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May It Please Your Excellency Your Letter of yesterday I Received this morning and in Consequence thereof have Repeated my Application To M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Hollingsworth to Let me have the Lead I mentioned in my Last memorandum (on the Credit of the State) which at that Time he agreed I shou'd have at 30 D<sup>rs</sup> Conti<sup>l</sup> p lb he now Asks 18<sup>d</sup> specia p lb or the Baltimore Exchange—he has Diminished the Quantity Selling it out By Retail and Now has not above 10 C w<sup>t</sup> Left which with about 8 C w<sup>t</sup> in the hand of an Other Person which may be had at the same Price is all there is in Town But my Influence and Arguments are to weak to get in on any other Terms then Paying for it Imediately and without more Lead I Cannot make up more Amunition as all that was in my Possession is work<sup>d</sup> up.

I have Continued and still Continue men Repairing Arms But not without the Greatest Dificulty for the want of money to pay them their wages as they have no other support

I Borrowed 6 B<sup>is</sup> of Flour from M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun for the Relief of those men I have Employed which I am to Replace or Obtain your