

laid Down and the Horses Turned out, I suppose by Ill designing persons should therefore be Desirous of having those Taking of my hands or to have further Information therein

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[Robert Duvall Prince George County, to Col. James Brice, Annapolis] July 2

I am much obliged to his Excellency the Governor and Council, for their good opinion of my patriotison and Zeal, in support of the Independance of America, and am sorry to inform you, that it is my being much indispos'd that has prevented me from acting as a Recruiting officer; having been under the Doctor's hands since the middle of may, but hope to be well shortly, therefore, if his Excellency the Governor and his Council have it in their power, and may think it Expedient to invest me with full power and authority, to Raise a full Company for three years or During the war, they may be sure of my Exerting the earliest means to Accomplish the matter, which I think I Can do in a very little time.

[P. Key, Chaptico, to the Council]

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I have received your Excellencys & Honours favor 29<sup>th</sup> to which I shall pay the utmost attention. My stay at Annapolis retarded the forwarding your Tobacco very much—however I have this day finished shiping on board craft—55 Hhds—25 from Potomack & 30 from Patuxent that I have had carted over, the whole will be forwarded this Month as I have got the business now under my own direction.

If you have any more Tobacco at Chaptico that you wish to forward it can be carted to Patuxent with more ease than from any other House on Patomack & I can engage what carts I want to transport it directly The Tobacco now forwarded is of the best Quality made here & I am very certain most of it will prove good except that at Llewellins I am in hopes the Tobacco now sent will n<sup>t</sup> the State 23/ clear of charges or at least 22/6

[George Melvin, affidavit taken before J. Dennis.]

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George Melvin of full age being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that some time in the month of December last past John Gunby came to this Deponents House and upon a quarrel arising between the said Gunby and some other persons the said Gunby threatened them that Capt Dempsie and some other Cap<sup>t</sup> wou'd burn down some of the Houses on Pocomoke, and at the same time the said Gunby said he was a British subject and had been on Board of the Enemy and wou'd go on board again, and this Deponent further saith that at time of the above conversation the afs<sup>d</sup> Gunby was much intoxicated with liquor