

August 5 County he lives among who is all the field officers &c I received from you a letter Informing me that you had appointed a Special Court for the Tryal of the prisoners on this Shore, but you did not mention when or where it Satt, so that I Could not send Sturgis and the other prisoners. I rote you by way of Talbot Court house Informing you of this omission but have not Rec^d Your Answer to that letter, which Inclines me to think you have not Rec^d my letter & I am Sorry to Inform you that on this day week at night the prisoners Broke Goal and one of the Gratest Vilians Reyle Slocom, has made his Escape, the others have given themselves up and Can be sent to their tryal when ever we know when & where the Court is to sitt to try them.— We have made up our select Militia and have Draughted our Militia for our Quota for the Two Battalions, and they now wate Your Excellencys Command, together with sum few three years men that the Last Draught have found as Substitutes, and them nor those Draught that was Ordered to march, when I was at Annapolis Can be sent forward for want of money to pay their Bounty &c. As money is so very scarce that we Cannot Colect the 4 p C^t to pay them

I have my hopes we shall get Slocom again as he Can't posably get to the Enemy, as our Barge has drove them Gentry entirely from our sound Capt Walley has taken two prizes but, what they have in I know not.

We have a very fine Barge Built at Salisbury that mounts Two four pounders & Rows with thirty two Oars, and I am afraid that Every thing is so very dear that the Subscribers will not be able to fitt her out as they Intended, and sum of them have Desired me to mention her to Your Excellency, and if you have not Contracted for all the Barges you want Wheather you would purchase this Barge, if you are Incline to treat for this Barge and will Drop me a few Lines I will Communicate it to the Subscribers and send you her Dementions Cost &c.

August 5 [Henry Dennis and Zedekiah Walley, Worcester County, to Gov. Lee.]

Col^o Joseph Dashiell informed us that he had a Warrant against a M^r Robert Pitt of Accomack County in the State of Virginia for carrying on a secret correspondence with the Enemy which he requested we would endeavour to apprehend with a number of Others, which he also had warrants for: M^r Pitt getting information of this by some means or other voluntarily delivered himself up to Col. Corbin Lieutenant of Accomack County and engaged his honour to appear when called on by any Officer of the State of Maryland for Tryall, We can assure you that we think M^r Pitt Innocent of the Charge as he has frequently been in company with us when on duty at alarms and shewed a sincere disposition to repell every hostile invasion expected from the Enemy.