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dared to contend for, yet a relaxation in our Exertions will not only be disgraceful but may prove dangerous and even fatal to our Liberties. Congress on their part, are determined to prevent both the one and the other and accordingly have thought proper, by their Act of the 10th instant, a copy of which I have the honor of enclosing your Excellency, to call upon the Legislature of each State in the most pressing manner, to compleat the Quota of Troops assigned to them. The same Act contains several other requisitions, and the whole of such evident magnitude and importance as render it unnecessary to urge any thing more upon the Subject.

I have the honor likewise of transmitting to your Excellency a copy of an Act of Congress of the 11th instant, recommending it to the Legislature of each State to ascertain, as soon as practicable, their number of white Inhabitants.

A foundation for equal Justice, on a very important occasion, being the object they have in view in requiring the above information, your Excellency and the Legislature of your State will, no doubt, concur with me in opinion, that the business should be accomplished with all possible accuracy and dispatch.

December 12 [Hezekiah Reeder, Com'y of Ch's County, Port Tobacco, to the Council.]

Col^o Burr Harrison of the State of Virginia has Just been offered to Manufactor the Wheat I have on hand and furnish Barrells his Mills is very convenient to this place his termes is one Shilling Virginia Cur^y per Bushel for Grind^g Bolting packing and Storage the Barrells he will furnish for Two Shillings Virginia Currency & have them well Coopered, if you approve of his offer you will please inform by next post, his Mill is not more than forty Miles from this placed and a good Navagation and not more than ten or twelve Miles from some of the wheat.

December 13 [W. M. Beall, Frederick County To His Excellency Thomas Simm Lee Esq^r]

I am desired by the Justices of the Orphans Court to acquaint your Excellency that there is now only three attending Members, Doctor Thomas having resigned and M^r Lawrence declining to serve from his bad State of Health, and that the Court wish to have two others Commissioned who reside in or near Frederick Town. I am also to acquaint your Excellency that no Commission for the County or Orphans Court has been received since this time two years, and that I believe it is the wish of the County Court to have one or two other Justices Commissioned who reside in Town, the most of the out door business being done there makes it necessary, I am inclined to think Col^o Price, Col^o Ben. Johnson or Captain John Adlom would serve.