

February 11 [Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County, to Gov. Lee.] (By Mr. Truett]
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I embrace this opportunity by Mr Truett, to Inform your Excellency that there is sundry People in this County that seem Determined to give all the opposition they Can, to the Collection of the Taxes, a Certain Benj^a Shockley an old offender, Tryed all in his power to kill the sheriff, the other Day, in the Execution of his Office, the Sheriff has resigned his Commission, I really beleave for fear of Losing his Life, by sum of those Enimyes, to our Country & its Gov^{mt} I would submit it to your Excellency & Council, wheather sum few Examples of such Daring Vilions as those, who in the face of your officers: will Drink success to the King of Great Britton, and Bost that in a few weeks they expect to have ample Satisfaction, for all that has bin Taken from them, and that they make no doubt, that they shall Receive Twenty for one. If such Insults as these go with impunity we need not expect to do much heare in the recruiting Business or anything else that is Disagreeable to our enemy

I this morning Rec^d a letter from Mr Josiah Polk of Somerset County (who has Just Returned from Lewes Town Court) Informing me that he had Business of Grate Importance to Communicate If I Could ride to his house, it was of such a nature that he did not Chose to Commit it to paper. I have rote him, if it is of a nature that Our Executive ought to be apprised of to send me an express to night that I may forward it to you

On my way home, I fell in Company with a gentlemen from Cecil County who Inform'd me that a Capt Beach who saled for Mr John Stump, had Inform'd a Mr John Thomson of Harford County that he the said Beach was Bound to S^t K'ts and that if he Thomson would Lend him sum hard money he should have half the profits, that Mr Thomson Did Lend Capt Beach a sum of hard money, that after Beach had got the money, he Informed Mr Tho^s that he had Deceaved him, for that he was going to New York and that if he was uneasy he would Return him his money, the said Beach also Informed Mr Thomson, that he had Caried one load of flower, on Bord the British fleet, in this Bay & had then got a permit, to go to New York: and that John Stump that was formerly Col^o Hollingsworth Clk, was Super Cargo of the said Schooner, Belonging to Stump & Co. If you should be at a loss to find out this matter, I Believe if you ware to Call on Mr John Thomson & Jeremiah Backor, that they would be able to give you much more Intelligence. Mr J. Backor lives near Suskanah in Cecil County I am informed that sum of the Insurgents that Broke Lewes Town Goal and sum others that was Concearnd in the late Insurrection in that County were Skulking in this County and are harbor'd by Sum of Our Disaffected, should be glad of Directions what to do with them & those that harbor them if we Can apprehend them. I most sincerely wish that the Law that past to Inforce the payment of the Taxes in Somerset