

February 24 think answer the intention fully she is now so forward that she
 Red Book might be finished in all next Month, and has the Appearance of an
 No. 27 exceeding fast Sailor her Dimensions are about 72 feet by the Keel
 Letter 25 strait rabbit 26 feet by the beam 12 feet 4 Inches in the Hold & 4 feet
 waist amidship, she is pierced for 22 Guns, tho intended to carry only
 20 on her main Deck

If your Excell^{cy} & Council should think this Ship woud answer the purpose for which Vessels are wanted I woud dispose of her on moderate terms she is stout strong & well built and will bear the examination of any who are Judges of Vessels

Be pleased so to acquaint me with your Determination in matter as early as you can and any answer that may be necessary thereto shall be immediately returned

February 25 [Stephen Steward, West River, to the Hon^l Governor & Council]
 Red Book
 No. 27 Honnebel Gentelmen this will be Handed to you by M^r Selle
 Letter 53 Tucker Who is the father to James Tucker Mast. of the Brig Katy and now a Prisoner on board of one of the Ennemys Ships of War at Portsmouth I hope your Honors have Considerd the matter to have him Exchangd for the Mate of the Katy now lying In Jale at Baltimore town I think thare is now a flag of truce lying at baltimore M^r Masters

February 26 [Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]
 Red Book
 No. 8 Your Excellency will receive enclosed the Extract of a resolve of
 Letter 52 the 23^d Instant, requesting the State of Maryland to advance to
 [Indorsed L^t Colonel Forrest, an Account of the United States a Sum equal
 "The enclosed Resolves sent to Col^o Forrest by M^r Stoddart"] to seven years half pay of a Lieut Colonel, in Lieu of the half pay he might otherwise have been entitled to during his natural Life.
 Upon the resignation of this Officer, Congress have thought proper, in Consideration of his past Services, & particular Misfortune of the Loss of a Limb in the public Service, to grant him the Benefit & Emoluments contained in the enclosed resolution

February 26 [W. Smallwood, Charles County, to Gov. Lee.]
 Brown Book
 No. 2 Yesterday I received a letter from Baron Steuben inclosing a copy
 Letter 87 of one from Gen^l Green to him, copies of which you have inclosed,
 [Copy] these I have thought necessary to transmit, that you might see the expediency of ordering the most speedy and vigorous exertions to be adopted in raising and forwarding the Troops to be levied in this State to fill our Quota.

The matter has now become serious and alarming the Carolina's if not subjugated are over Run. Our Stores and resources in that Quarter much exhausted indeed ere this probably in the Enemy's possession and unless Virginia & Maryland emerge from their