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January 21, 1781.

(Geo. P. Keeport, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.)(Fav^d By Mr. D. Eavans.)

May It Please Your Excellency I have Been working Ever since Last Monday Morning at Fort Whetstone Point with Twelve Labourers and one Four Horse Team; We yesterday Put Five pieces Cannon on board Scows and Expect (If the Weather will Permit) to have Ten pieces more on board by to Morrow Evening. There is Several pieces Broke down which will Occasion much Labour to Get off there is Scarce on Wheel that is not a Little Rotton and Many Intirely Useless.

There will Be New Wheels and Axeltrees Wanting for the whole and Many of the Carriages will want Repairing.

I shall Strive to have the Field peices Repaired as Quick as Possible If Your Excellency will please to send me up Continental Money without which it will be Impossible for me to have anything Done (as the New money is not Taken in Town By any Person for the Necessarys of Life) I Have Been Oblidged to Borrow Continental Money to pay the Labourers. Which I have Obligated Myself to Repay on Demand.

There is Numbers of things Wanting to Equip the Field peices which is Ippossible for me to get without Continental money

I have Given M^r David Eavans an Order on your Excellency for L7765..2..6 a Ballance I owed him for Offivers Buttons.

If your Excellency will please send me Money M^r Eavans Promised to Bring it up

January 23, 1781

[Geo. P. Keepert, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.] ~~#####~~ (Fav^d By Mr. D. Poe.)

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} I am Sorry to Inform you that the Storm Last Night Sunk a Scow along side of the Wharf at Fort Whetstone Point in about 10 feet Water on board of Which I had unfortunately one Eighteen and Two Nine pounders the Scow Lays Near the Wharf so that the Raising of it will be Easy and no Great Expence If the Weather shou'd Moderate. The Only Place we have to Take off the Cannon from the Fort is so Very Inconvenient that it is Impossible for us to do anything Without the Wind and Tide Permits.

I Wrote Your Excell^y the 21st Ins^t by M^r Eavans Wherein I have Mentioned my Distress and Impossibility of Havins any More work Done without a Supply of Money

January 24, 1781.

[M. Gist Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

M^r Keepports gives me a disagreeable account of the situation of the Ordnance at the Fort, for the particulars of which I beg leave to refer you to his letter.

March 14, 1781

*[Geo & Keports Baltimore
to Gov. Lee] (Gard By Mr Poe)*

General Gist has Drawn Orders on me for Ammunition for the use of the Fort and Arms for the Regular Troops which I have Complied with in Consequence of a Letter he shew'd me from your Ezcell^y Where you Mentioned that Inclosed was an Order on me to Furnish Arms Ammunition & Accoutrements for the Troops which Order must have been Fotgotten as their was None Inclosed.

April 12, 1781.

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

In Consequence of Gen. Buchanan's Orders U have drawn out all that part of my Battalion of Militia which live in Town^{M^r} Calhoun will have Inform'd your Excell^y that there is not at this Post more than Ten days Meat. M^r Keepert Informs me there is very little Lead in this Magazine; but that 1000^{lbs} may be bought in this place. He also tells me that he has no Money# to provide wood for the Guards, to pay for Repair of Carriages on the fort which will not bear firing without he says he does not Act in the Quarter Master Department & M^r Poe refuses the Duty of State Quarter Master, such person is necessary, particularly as Gen. Buchanan has thought it prudent to order out Cap^t Moores Horse, who will when on Dty wast/^{Forage}~~#####~~ There are Two Comp^s of Militia in Patapsco Neck who would more Conveniently Guard the North Side of Patapsco than my Battalion one of my Companies at the Fort, another on Fells Point & the enecessary Town Guards, it will be sufficient Duty for my militia. There are a great Number of Disaffected & others who refuse to bear Arms, Indeed to whom it would be dangerous to trust arms, & whose situation Capable and willing to do every Injury gives great Dsicontent to those worthy's who turn on all & every occasion they demand that such persons (where there is real Danger) be order'd at least 30 Miles from the Town, this is the general opinion & I imagine if your Excell^y Cannot take such Step, that it will be done in an Illegal Manner

August 1781.

(Nathaniel Ramsay to Governor Lee)

I take the liberty of inclosing a letter to Col^o Williams which I beg you to forward. I have expected every hour to have received Instructions respecting the sale of whetstonepoint, I am more and more confirmed in the opinion the necessity of altering the terms, and every hour it is delayed has a bad effect, I am convinced that agreeable to the present terms, I shall not be able to sell perhaps one lot, for unless I can obtain ~~two~~ thirds the value, I must stop the sale.

October 8, 1781.

(T. Yates, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sims Lee Esq^r)
(honor'd by Luther Martin Esq^r)

By Luther Martine Esq^r Your Excellency will receive three hundred & Seventy three pounds fourteen shillings ~~###~~ & three pence specie, it being money which I have received on Acco^t of the Lots on Whetstone Point, but from Col^o Ramseys Letter to Your Ecclency of the 6 Current you'll find I had directions from him to keep the above Cash untill further order, but meeting with so good Conveyance (as M^r Martin) I have taken the Liberty of sending it down to Annapolis which I hope will meet your approbation.