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Thursday July 14, 1814

Dear Sir:

I received your letter on Sunday last and was very glad to hear you are well but I am sorry to see you are so much influenced by Dr. Blake as to change your political sentiments and have such a mean opinion of the citizens of Calvert the place that gave you birth to think that the militia could not fight for looking at the mean marines that came down for the defense of old Barney who has been the means of running Calvert for if he had never of come in the Patuxent the British would never have thought nor had an idea that they could come as high as Lower Marlboro in the world but by his going down the Bay and giving them a challenge as it were he could not think they would let him return without following him up and he pitched on the Patuxent as a place of safety and as he knew Calvert St. Marys Charles and Price George's County were all Federalist he thought it would be the means of making them all advocates of old Jim Madison but it has enraged them so that a great many that were in favor of him now are abusing him every day but I think when I tell the mischief the British have done it will be enough to make you and every man abuse Jim Madison and old Barney in Hell if you could now I will go on to tell you the damage that has been done since old Barney has been blocaded in (Leonard?)Creek in the first place they took R?Parran S Parran and Richard Parran Overseas as prisoners while they were getting their stock off the river in the second place they burned John Pattersons dwelling house Barn and destroyed much of his stock in the third place they burned John Broome's house in the fourth place they burned every house John Mackall had except the overseer house in the fifth place they came to lower Marlboro tore and broke everybodys house to pieces and burned the ware house and all the tobacco took nearly all the poultry in town away took seventy sheep from Mr. Graham took nearly all Mrs. Ballards negroes and two of Mr. T. Blakes Wat and Ned since Wat has made his escape and returned home took Renolds as prisoner of war and took every book he had in his library but I made a mistake in telling you everybodys house was distroyed in Marlboro Old Boyds house nor nothing he had was touched but what he was paid for and on their return down they stopped at Cliffts and burned Mr. Morris? barns and some tobacco in it stopped at Benedict took nearly all of the tobacco out of the ware house and did not burn nothing but destroyed everybodys by tearing them to pieces stopped at Holland Point and burned Mrs. Mackalls barn burned a great many houses in St. Marys burned Dr. Sommersvilles' house and destroyed all his harvest fields by cutting his wheat things for the stock they have aboard since burned the ware house and two or three more houses I have never heard to who they belong. in St. Leonards Creek and now have - - - - - of this country up as far as Mrs. Rawling just below the Chapel and I must tell you that the marines you think so much of on their return up from the Creek encamped in our church and some of them came to my mothers and on their return - - - - -

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now after all this if you can yet think them right I must
bid you adieu all the family send their love to you Mr.
Renolds and the Parrans got home again I am yours

Thomas B. King

P.S. I will send your things up by Miss Blake, excuse
this I wrote it in a hurry.