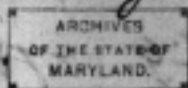


I have since since we arrived
 I herewith send you a most mis-
 erable fellow the Rev. John Patterson:
 he has been endeavoring to throw
 every obstacle in the way of calling forth
 an militia and has wasted the energies
 of our land: he is the most provoking
 exasperating ~~man~~ ^{person} that has
 ever existed: we have great reason
 to suspect him of being concerned with
 our Chambers of this County who is
 now with the enemy conducting those
 in their ravaging and plundering parties -
 I hope he will be taken good care of
 and well guarded.



I am sorry to inform you of an
 innovation of Tories in the borders
 of Loudoun and Caroline Counties headed
 by some hundred Methodist Preachers
 a body of eight hundred in arms were
 dispersed three weeks since having
 headed the Captain & Chief Methodist
 Preacher and among the captured, Col.
 Dickinson remains in Caroline County &
 I suppose that are there confined.
 Col. Lusk is at Camp where the
 command: Col. Robinson's Battalion is ordered