Colo. Forrest
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Dear Sir

I am much obliged to your Excellency for your favor of the 7th accompanying Mr Henry's letters — I know nothing that I wish you not to know — nothing was necessary therefore to be said about opening of them — open any that comes thro your hands — He is really a clever fellow but I wish he would attend a little more to Cicero's and a little less to Chesterfield's letters — He has taken up an opinion which probably will very generally hold good that the most certain way to make people pleased with him is to make 'em pleased with themselves. —

Has there been any late accounts of Col. Williams — he is now in my debt for the first time and I'm the more uneasy at it as my last letters contained more than I wish the world to see — if they should be published I shall have half the Marylo line on my shoulders — but I write not be the best half. — I asked you some time ago to be so obliging as to let me know if any complaint was made by Bicoe the Navae Officr agst Hugh Hopewell before any measures were taken as I know the whole circumstances that it was an illnatured & I am now told a misrepresented affair — it may ruin the young fellow to some eppence and he does not merit it

Gov Lee.

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