and only waits to secure the transportation of the Troops Artillery &c. destined for the eastward up the Bay of Chesapeake - indeed he had determined should the British Fleet again make their appearance to put to Sea after them and leave a sufficient Guard for the fore mentioned purpose - I presume the letters you receive - with this will inform you of the destinations of the different Corps but lest they should not I will observe that all the Troops eastward of Pensylvania will return to New York - those of that state and southward of it to be sent immediately to join Genl. Greene - the Count Rochambeau with his Troops I believe are to be left at York & its Vicinity for the Winter -

I have had a fever for several days past which induced me to take a ~~[illegible]~~ passage up the Bay and I had a very quick & pleasant one - my indisposition still continues as soon as I am perfectly recovered I shall do myself the honor to wait on your Excellency - I was favored with yours of the 19th Ult. with its enclosures be pleased to accept my thanks for it -

I have at present only to add my respectful Compliments of Mr. Lee & an assurance that I shall ever esteem myself happy in the honor of subscribing myself

Yr. Excellency's most obedt. Servt.

Percy Wyndham

P.S. I have been fortunate in securing 21 slaves of my Fathers Negs are already arrived at this place and the other five Mr. S. Steward is to bring up. Mr. Wilkes with his family composed the 5 and attempted after the capitulation to escape but were taken up and carried on board the Fleet -

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