Colo. Fitzhugh
16th May 1782.

His Excellency
Governor Lee
Annapolis

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Dear Governor Mont Washington May 16th 1782

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I cannot too gratefully acknowledge, your very acceptable favor of the 10th Inst with its Inclosures — The Letters from my Son William gave much Satisfaction to His Mother & my Family, nor could any thing have been a more pleasing addition, than your kind approbation of His Address to you — Your Excellency's kindness & regard, & the friendly Notice with which you are pleased to Honor Him, are flattering to His Welfare — it will not only Annimate Him with Virtuous Ambition to Distinguish himself in the Field, but be a strong Incentive to every other Improvement — His Sentiments on Policy are Just, & those regarding the unhappy, & deluded Sufferers of Carrolina shark the feelings of Humanity — His declining the Honor of an Immediate Appointment in the General's Family, was prudent, because without Experience, He could not have Discharged his Duty, with Satisfaction to His Chief, or reputation to Himself; But I cannot forbear to flatter myself with so pleasing an Event, at some future Period — when he may be qualify'd to discharge His Duty. — As nothing can promise a young Gentleman more Improvement, than being in the Family, & Influenced by the precept, & Example of so Great & good a Man as General Greene.

I am infinitely oblig'd to your Excellency, for the measures taken, respecting my Slaves in the West Indias — I have a letter from General Washington of the 17th Ulto, covering a Duplicate of His Excellency's former Letter to Ch. Chevalier Delgrape, which

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