Dear Sir,

I have directed William to remain until Mr. Stoddart gives him orders to return and requested Mr. Stoddart to detain him until the issue of Mr. Buchanans negociations. I have not wrote to that Gentleman Your Excellency will be so obliging as to repeat to him that I have 300 hhds of Maryd. Tobo. with some Virginia and that if necessary I can considerably augment the number. Mention too that it lies very convenient and that I have Craft ready to get it to a Point instantly. I stop loading a Boat in full expectation of changing her destination.

The Tobacco already belonging to Government is much scattered and ought to be collected to two or three places with all expedition I mean before Mr. B— gets answers to his letters because the Tobacco will be (at least the difference in the expence) more valuable. If this should be ordered the Notes may be sent.

I believe that it will be in my power to furnish the Carriage of a larger quantity than I mentioned. Excuse this trouble and believe me to be with the most perfect Respect for Mrs. Lee and Your Excellency Dear Sir

Yr. Affec. Friend & Servt.

Thomas Forrest

Lord Town 2d. Sept. 1782

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