His Excellency
Jno. Lim Lee Esq.
Annapolis.
By the Post

Dear Sir

Accept my thanks for your obliging favor of Friday. Nebin stays long enough in Annapolis to bring me an Act. of the Plan of business (good as it really was for the Government) being defeated. — Strange as it may appear to you it was confidentially told me before I left Annapolis that I W. had in View the transacting of that affair it came from him to the person who told me, which person knew nothing of any other person's having thought of it —. Present me very respectfully to Mrs Lee I believe me with all Affection yr Excellency's Mo Obe. Ser. Jas G. Ridgely 1782. W Fowell

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