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My dear friend. George Town 25. Jany 1787.

Mr. Magruder affords me an opportunity of saying that I had the pleasure of recg your two last letters for my little friend at Leige which I've forwarded to Mr. Murdoch with the necessary directions, that I also rec.d the pat. covering letters for the Bakers which I sent on, though not so soon as I wished, that letter have followed me to St. Marys where I had occasion to go last Month. They however went safe & not through the same channel. I left Annapolis on Sunday after waiting to see the conclusion of a Session as disgraceful to the leaders of it as it was ruinous to the State. An appeal is made to the People which can answer no one purpose but to weaken a Government already infinitely too feeble & relaxed. The Senate acted with becoming firmness and spirit of them all much to my surprize. Henry acted most independant. He has assured me that he will attend all the lower Counties on the Shore and use every power he possesses to gain instructions (if instructions there must be) to the Senate to act as circumstances & prudence shall dictate they being better able to judge for the people than the people themselves. My Seat in the House of Delegates was declared to be vacated for the want of residence the back the House Exp by a very respectable majority & many of the most respectable members and however I may differ with them in opinion yet I am free to own that I believe every man acted from the conviction in

Mr Lee

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