enemies - therefore I think Gen Lee risked himself
needlessly & indirectly on the Volunteer Corps - he was lately
to Serve & since his tour of service at that I had
heard nothing of his adventure at St Leonards Creek -
I should therewith have expected very different treatment
but from Gen Lee think it would have had any effect -

I think you are very insecure at Wilmington &
George Mr Horsey's Mile & Manufactory -
I think our great misfortune next to the ignorance &
wickedness our Rulers is the fatal & ruinous propensity
they have to idle Writing & talking - the Opinion of the
Court of enquiry into the conduct of Farnsbell will lead
to mischievous Consequences they lay it down as well
as I recollect, that in War it is justifiable to destroy such
Works - imprudent & thinking the Tories - never
to have it have reflected that the enemy have not one
tenth part of such property exposed as we have -
Sincerely wish you & yours were here in this lovely
Valley instead of remaining on the borders of the
navigable water - One fifth of our Iron packets
is taken & burnt - if the War is continued what under
Heaven is to prevent Balls Phila New York Boston &
Charleston being swept away by the Sword of Destruction

I have called upon Seamen, promises are made it to pay in
10 or 14 days but I have not much Cash & Money
begins to disappear - I am truly sorry for the unexpected
call upon Mr Horsey, more especially as I am at this time
unable to assist by paying the Money I owe - I have been
called upon by the Banks for more than $2000 - it pinched
me not a little to comply therewith here & some other
demand[illegible] very which the enormous taxes of Q. Town
forg[illegible] truly gratefully appreciate -
I sha[illegible] every endeavor to induce Seamen to make
pay[illegible] effect if the money shall be forthcoming
depo[illegible] the E. Bank Nov. 16. advised them
my love to [illegible] Mary Ellen & best wishes to M[illegible]
I wrote some time ago to Mr Pringle & this day shall
write again - with most sincere affection I remain
my dear daughter ever yours

Thos. T. Lee

Busy in Harvest & not above half finished
several Letters on hand no time to revise -
take it in its incorrect state -
You never say any thing of your own health - I should be
happy to hear you had got clear of the Sallow Complexion
you brought here & received a healthy Countenance -

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