

Topic: Annapolis - Permanent Residence for Congress

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1783, August 22:

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Maryland Delegates to Congress

8/27/1783

The delegates from the State of Maryland have received letters from his Excellency Wm. Paca Governor of the said State, and the honorable James Brice Mayor of the City of Annapolis, bearing date the 22d August, by which they are authorised and requested to make the following communication to Congress.

The Governor and the supreme Executive council of Maryland will receive the highest pleasure in rendering Annapolis agreeable to Congress should it be their Will to remove to that city till a place can be fixed upon and prepared for their permanent residence. The Governor proposes Immediately to give up his house to his Excellency the President of Congress, and the council, to withdraw from the State house to some other apartments in the City--so that the State house, and government house will be for the immediate use of Congress and their officers. The Governor particularly expresses that he thinks Congress may rely upon every exertion of the citizens that may serve to promote their ease and convenience.

The honorable the Mayor assures Congress that the corporation and citizens of Annapolis will do every thing in their power to render the City agreeable, and to accommodate the members of Congress in a manner suitable to their dignity should they think it expedient to remove to Annapolis until they can determine upon a place for their permanent residence.

Topic: Paca, William - Host of Congress, 1783

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1783, June 18:

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:691 Jonathan Blanchard to Elbridge Gerry 6/18/1783

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1784, July 7:

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:715 Samuel Dick to Sarah Dick

. . . Tho' here but two days I have been Invited to three Dinners, have Eat four, and din'd with two hundred Gentlemen--On Monday with the Society of the Cincinati and the Governor of this State, . . . I declin'd Going to the Governors Ball last Evening, these Amusements being too much for one day. . . .

Topic: Paca, William - Romance with Mary Tilghman

Source: Tilghman Papers, Maryland Historical Society, MS.2821; Box 4, folder 1, Correspondence--Edward Tilghman to Edward Tilghman, Jr., 1780-1782

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1782, February 14:

Wye 14th Febry 1782

My dear Son

I am now under necessity of entering upon a painful task -- the more painful as I cannot now see my way to the end of it & phaps nver may

I have but just learn'd that a report has been some time circulating (even thro Philadelphia) of a match shortly to be concluded between Mr. Paca & your sister Polly: who I have also lately learnd has obtained the general char. of being a very fine woman -- Mr. Moultrie says she woud grace any assembly on the Contt. ...

My duty & affection combine to carry me every length to obtain lights relative to the above report which may enable me to conduct myself with propriety & advise my daughter who has lately advanc'd much in my esteem, for her best advantage. Not a pson upon earth is to be acquainted with the contents of this letter__.

Upon scouting I have reason to be of opinion neither is indiff't. to the other; tho there has not, that I can find, any thing conclusive passd from either __ Nothing has transpired from him to me or vice versa __ You can guess the channel my information chiefly comes thro __ There may not possibly be any fixt intention in him -- reports of the same kind have prevaild as to several ladies -- his manner among ladies is very gallant -- phaps too much so; but with her it has been particular & semmingly interested -- in language I mean __

It has also just come to my knowledge that shortly after Anny's return from

Dover you wrote her; & among other things desired her to tell Polly tho she shou'd match with Mr. P. you should still retain the same affection you ever had for her but could not look upon or treat him as a brother --

The gent [Paca] came a few days agoe from Phila. -- I resolv'd not to deviate a tittle from my former behavior -- ordered everyone to observe strictly the same conduct -- Invited him to the festivity of Shrove Tuesday as he was last year here on the like occasion & to dine the next day; which indeed was rather a matter of course -- He seem'd rather I think, on the reserve; & express'd to A. that we all seem'd so -- she endeavour'd to set him right in a misapprehension as to herself who not not been properly attentive to his drinking to her -- he has concluded in concert with N C upon a grand rout on Wednesday night next & next day & night to which we are all to go; the company very numerous -- we are all to behave as if the whole affair was viewed by us in the light of that common share which the world will take in other people's concerns & the diversion which they will make out of each other --

I shou'd have told you that A. very imprudently told her sister she had a message from you & left her to pine with conjecture about the nature & extent of it -- The gent yesterday mentioned (you can guess as to whom) yt. in a compny of ladies at Phila. the match was mentiond as "a done thing" & that a lady (unmarryd) of your connection reply'd how could that be, or that could never be or was impossible; for that you had wrote to A. to tell Polly that if she favor'd the gent. addresses you'd never look upon her more -- The pson who mentions this to me had not when spoke known what the message was -- has now got it from A. & thinks herself oblig'd (as I do, or that it's proper) to let the Gent know candidly how it was; adding, by my advice, the words "you were afraid you" before "could not &c" this to prevent breaches widening -- From the channel it went thro to Phila. he must be convinced that there was a message & I tho't it best he shoud have the genuine one -- I am broke in upon by compny ...

... I must desire I may have from you a very explicit detail of your knowledge of Mr. P's character & circumstances & what you have heard, & from whom, any way relative to them -- I forbear to make any remarks upon the exhibiting you in Phila. in the char. of an all powerfull Match-Maker -- there is a probability that this message like every thing else had recvd its addition; & phaps my informt. (you know her infirmity) may have misunderstood ...

... I would have [the response] in all events here by Tuesday evening that your letter may have a cool consideration Wednesday morning -- Shoud the affair

relative to B.C. rest solely upon the veracity of Mr. J. N. & the gent it might be difficult for one's opinion to settle ...

15th A.C. went to make cake yesterday -- mentioned to the gent the message as above -- he sayd there was a difference -- she desired he woud repeat as she was deaf -- he sayd the lady mentiond it in sevl. houses & it might be easily known to whom by the houses she resorted to ...

I am Yr. very afft. father
E Tilghman

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Jr., 1780-1782

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1782, February 24:

Wye 24th Feby 1782

My dearest Son

What has been handed to you as sayd by Bennett Chew turns out exactly as from his manner, I sayd to myself it wou'd -- Polly Pearce happens here & she & he questiond separately give nearly the same words & I think exactly the same circumstances -- they say Henny Tilghman & P.P. were pressing B. to let 'em know all about it -- he told them that if there was any thing in it they kept it from him -- he knew nothing about it -- That there was a great deal of banter such as was common but whether there was any foundation for it he did not know; for no one ever say'd anything to him about it -- He is ready to make oaths -- Mere female volatility; & not any ill intention I am convinced has put a face quite new upon this matter before it reach'd you, tho phaps it might not have undergone above two or three editions --

I well know the inaccuracy of young ladies, when they are commenting upon the history of a match in agitation - I can pass it over in them very easily -- 'tis fashion, 'tis education, 'tis habit -- Not easily cou'd I pass it over in a gentleman. Mr. Chew possibly may be desirous of knowing your author -- I don't know -- I shoud wish to know; if a gent -- He says Molly Earle was so convince'd of the affair's being intirely concluded tht she sent a message by him to Polly as to the ceremony of visiting -- he say'd the same to her as to the girls -- He appeals to Molly Earle -- How she came by her knowledge, I forbear to express my conjecture --

Had you expressed your sentiments of the gent to me and made me acquainted with reports it might have been better than doing it to others -- You know how unconnected I am with the world, how incapable of remarking even in my

own house; as I am thro infirmity obligd to be chiefly out of company in the day, & generally leave them intirely, early in the night: and no body says any thing to me of what's passing -- I mean in a general way -- In this case, just before his setting off for Phila. I had some hints given me by A. C. which occasioned me to be on the watch; but I could not discover any thing which induced me to believe that there had now more than mere gaiety in company [& some hint a little leading, then passed--] --

You do not speak of facts within your own knowledge -- I wish the gents from whose reports or whose judgments you ground your opinion may not be biased more than common by difference in political sentiments & prejudices directed by violent passions -- some little allowance is to be made to all men I ever had to do with, when they speak of others with whom they have any kind of difference -- especially important political contests & much to those of warm passions & violent resentments --

I believe you have heretofore made me acquainted with the subject of difference between the gentleman & you -- I have really in great measure forgot it & wish to be inform'd very circumstantially and minutely -- I have been inclined to believe there was some misapprehension amongst you about that matter -- I should be happy to be the instrument of accomodation -- You say something of your going on board the fleet -- I never heard any thing of it before as I remember --

Polly cannot but value herself much upon your assurance that even "under a connexion so disagreeable to you you should ever retain the tenderest affection for her & upon all occasions treat her as a sister for whom you have the sincerest regard & esteem" -- I have the pleasure to observe that she has a full share of the esteem & attention of our circle--

You say "I am a little too quick with respect to your being an all powerful match-maker" I have not a copy of my letter, but as I remember it I intended to hint at the imprudence of any pson's holding up your message as being so powerfull as to render it impossible for a connexion which the world has been pleased to carry on to a considerable way towards perfection from ever taking place -- match breaking to such an extent I thot match making -- Nothing relative the matter shall come out into the world if possibly in my power to prevent it -- The gentleman I am informed was told by a lady to whom the lady I hinted at in my last letter spoke the words "that such a thing could or would never be, for that you had wrote to A. to tell P. that if she did favor his addresses, or conclude the affair in his favour, I forget which, you would never more see her, or never more speak to her I cannot be sure

which; but I think one or the other -- -- I suppose shoud the purport of the words be deny'd if there be canvassing which God forbid, the gent will readily appeal to his informer -- I never had the least idea of your being a match-mkr. Perhaps I may appear confusd am forc't to write in snatches -- Continually full of compy H. Pearces two sons & daughter -- old gent gone up -- Anny, P. Pearce & my Polly gone off this 26th for Talbot Assembly (on Thursday) under the safe conduct of two young lawyers who I am afraid will be young always -- . . . --

The gent gave an entertainment last Wednesday evening, Thursday & the evening of that day, under the management, as you may suppose, of A. C. -- it had I understand been long promis'd & talk't of -- was by much the cleverest I ever saw The Madera'men were happy. 14 ladies dancers & many more gent -- ladies all lodgd on the Isld. my house full of guests 2 nights -- We are just now B.C., A.C., myself & Sukey -- I scarce remember the day when we were not oblig'd to have two tables -- not an ounce of butter a good while, but the daily small print of pork? -- Coffee, tea & cake incessantly -- So we all in these parts go swimmingly down with the stream of ruination --

From the time I last wrote you my mind has been totally engrossed & much agitated by the affair -- No inquiries tht coud possibly be made have been wanting - - I have not been able to find that a word or action has escaped him her or me or any of my family (for what was carried to you as coming from B. C. I must look upon as false) which coud afford any ground for a report of a match even in agitation much less concluded on -- Is here any such thing in the world as a secret - - I must try -- From all circumsts. & informations hitherto collected I am of opinion that there has not been an application -- I am satisfyd there has not & I must say at the same time I believe nothing unless the differences with you will prevent one -- I am well satisfyd she has much of his esteem, phaps affection; & I question if he is quite indiff't. to her (conjecture) tho I am convinced she is intirely free --

The difference of ages, I shoud object to with a bad grace -- He is sayd to be 39 & I think must be thereabouts she is 20 next fall -- My real opinion is he wou'd outlast her -- he is uncommonly robust & healthy & younger in my opinion than ??? at 25 -- She constitutionally delicate & tender & being from parents, both rather declining, cannot last long --

You'l say phaps this looks like partiality in his favor -- I hope you'l find 'tis not -- 'Tis the love of speaking what appears to me truth -- You speak feelingly & properly upon the subject of union -- my most earnest endeavor to preserve nourish & increase it among you all: but you hurt me by your concluding words --

Speaking of what must be your line of conduct in a certain case, you say "and this may probably set me at a greater distance from you than I am now" & you had it would seem begun the word "already" which would seem more strong than "now"

I cannot recollect any thing I have done, or not done, which may have been the occasion of your being set at a distance from me & begg you explain & if I have say -- there ought not to be any reserve between us, more than the unhappy difference in political sentiments must necessarily occasion -- As to char. -- would you believe any man's bare assertion who should asper? my char. or could you determine within yourself, that I was a person of deep malice & resentment upon the ipse dixit of any man without calling for facts. I hope not -- I hope I never shall fully determine upon the char. of any man upon the say so or judgment of any other man, where proper evidence may be had -- I shall always say, on what Fact do you ground your opinion, & exercise my right of judging on the facts when adduced - - If a person is backward in advancing the evidence of facts, I must at least be in doubt whether he can adduce them -- To be heard before condemnation is a right the meanest ought to enjoy -- If a person cannot come at the names of those who condemn a char. he has occasion to look into & the facts on which their condemnation is founded; being informed of their condemnation serves no purpose but to raise suspicion, doubts & anxieties -- I must be acquainted with men's complexions, connexions, views, & particularly (at this time) with their political principles, & general conduct in the grand & unhappy contest we are engaged in before I can decisively determine -- I have look't deep into mankind to know that it is essentially necessary to a fair determination, that these lights should be set up to guide one thro the labyrinth which interest, party views, malice & resentment (from which I suppose no man is so perfect as to be intirely free) have form'd -- I speak of men in general -- I wish to be thot not to mean any one in particular -- Some to be sure are much less biased than others -- but none I believe are to be found perfectly upright; & except his Holiness, I never hear of any one that pretended to infallibility --

I ought to have told you that I have not faild to press every one of my children to apply to me immedly upon the least hint of the kind being given to them & to lay before them the many ill consequences which might probably follow from their not doing it -- but female delicacy cannot get over the terror which custom has annexed to a conversation on the subject --

Upon the whole as the affair now appears to me I have thot it best not to interfere in the usual intercourse of the families; still to be on the watch & to pursue my

inquiries continually giving my dear child my best advice how to conduct herself as incidents may turn up -- the gent I am told is resolv'd upon the same conduct as to intercourse

...

- 28th Female imprudence shall not be exposd if I can prevent it; but if you still continue to be of opinion that what the lady at Phila. "actually say'd has been very unfaithfully reported" common justice I am afraid will insist upon it -- The one phaps as likely to be wrong as the other -- I know not who she is -- Worryd out by thought & anxiety I am determined to shut up ...

Did you not once tell me you got one of the Tilghman's to speak to Mr. Nicolson & that he swore Mr. P. say'd the words he had repeated & which Mr. P. has denyd give me that transaction circumstantially --

Topic: Paca, William - Romance with Mary Tilghman (?)

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1782, December 11:

Wye 11th Decr. 1782

[letter announcing engagement of Polly to her cousin Richard Tilghman]

... Just as my brothers definitive letters [confirming the match] arrivd **last night came Mr. Ps** [unclear] **I suppose he takes final leave to day** ...

[n.b.: final leave of Mary Tilghman? departure for Annapolis to take up position as governor?]

Topic: William Paca - Order for payment 12/1782

Source: MSA Papers, Series A, 6636-45-114/1, Box 45, 1/7/3/55

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1782, December 14:

In Council Decr. 14th. 1782

Ordered

that the western shore treasurer pay to His Excellency Governor Paca
twenty pounds seven shillings and three pence specie out of the money
appropriated for the barges for accounts passed --

p order
T Johnson Jr.

Zeph. Turner
Dan of St. Thos. Jenifer

[reverse:]

recd the within contents
Wm. Paca

Topic: Paca, William - Account with John Davidson

Source: John Davidson Account Books (1780-1783), MS 281, MHS

Information Recorded By: Nancy Baker

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 11/1997

1782, December 27:

1782

Dec. 27 to 1 pair large scissars 00.04.00 sp.

total (1781 and 1782) 77.07.06 specie 9.14.01 current money

[no payment on the account as of 18 June 1783]

Topic: Paca, William - Correspondence as Governor, 1782

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1782, December 31:

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:523 Daniel Carroll to William Paca

Dear Sr

Mr. Marbois calld yesterday with the enclosed. I was not at home but suppose it to be on public business & therefore inclose it under a Frank--if it should prove otherwise please to settle it with the post Office.

With great respect, &c I am yr Exys Mo Obt Sert,

Danl Carroll (from Phil)

note: In his January 3 response to Carroll, Paca explained that the marquis de Barbe-Marbois' letter was simply a cover for a packet from Matthew Ridley, who was Maryland's agent in France reporting "on Business of a public Nature, which he was commissioned to transact."

Topic: Paca, William - Social Activities

Source: McHenry Family Papers, MS 647, MHS

Information Recorded By: unknown

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n.d. < 1783:

[James] McHenry to [William?] Paca

Mr. McHenry will do himself the pleasure with Miss Allison to spend
friday evening with Mr. Paca

Topic: Paca, William - Relationship with Tilghmans

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1783, January 27:

Wye 27th Jany 83

... I am told Mr. Smith & Anny go to you the first of March to reside till they take their departure -- **Before marriage Anny mentioned to me their resolution of going immedy to Mr. Pacas house** in a manner which I thot indicated a firm resolution not to reside in any family whatever or I shoud have offerd them a room here after our hurry might be over ...

Topic: Paca, William - Bennett Chew Inheritance
Source: Tilghman Papers, Maryland Historical Society, MS.2821; Box 4,
folder 2, Correspondence--Edward Tilghman to Edward Tilghman,
Jr., 1783

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1783, February 16:

Wye 16th Feby 83

... **Mr. Pa.. says Bennett Chew has an undoubted fee simple estate in St. Augustine's Manor or Augustine's Manor** -- a vast tract laying just above Port Penn I think -- Bennett comes in by the death of Loyd without heirs unless he dock'd the entail -- pray search N. Castle records soon as possible ... If not docking to be found pray make all possible inquiry as to any possession Loyd may have gained -- BBordley who has a right in part receives rents & tells B his (B.'s) right of what is in possession is 800a ...

Wye 28th Feby 1783

This incloses Bennett Chew's title deed for one mioety [sic] of St. Augustines Manor I believer 30-- acres ...

Wye 14 Decr 1783

... Bennett was on St. Augustines Manor and with him Mr. Bordley's son Matts. -- B. tells me there were 6 or 7 leases mde to Loyd & rent usd to be payd regularly Robt. Haughey (a quondam wheat buyer) who bought of Vanbibber 1/4 owner has purchas't in most of those leases consisting he hear some body say it was supposd of 18 or 20 hundred acres -- I am afraid this valuable fall to Bt. will be let slip thro his fingers ...

Topic: Paca, William - Witness - will of Edward Giles, 1783

Source: AA County Wills, TG1/114, MSA

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1783, February 18:

will of Edward Giles, of Harford County, but now of City of Annapolis

Giles was engaged to marry Matilda Chase, daughter of Samuel Chase

executors: Samuel Chase and Jeremiah Townley Chase

witnesses: William Paca, Benjamin Stoddert, Gabriel Duvall, James
Brice, John Hoskins Stone

written and witnessed on the above date

proved by Paca and others on 6/27/1783

[n.b.: In addition to Giles' connection to Paca through Chase, he was undoubtedly related to Jacob Giles, whose daughter was the first wife of William Smith, whose second wife (married in 1776) was Paca's sister Susanna.]

Topic: Paca, William - Washington College

Source: [history of Washington College]

Information Recorded by: Jean Russo 3/1998

14 May 1783:

15 May 1783:

The first commencement took place on Wednesday, May 14, 1783. Ceremonies began at 10 am with procession of students, candidates for degrees, faculty, visitors and governors, and **William Paca, governor of Maryland**. Marched to Episcopal Church in Chestertown, where degrees were awarded.

May 15, procession to the hill where new college was to be built. Foundation stone laid with proper ceremony by his Excellency, Governor Paca, who was saluted on the occasion by thirteen discharges of cannon. Orations in French followed.

Topic: Paca, William - Bank Stock Case

Source: Bank Stock Papers, folder 1, William Paca to Samuel Chase, MS.1195

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 2/1998

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1783 June 5:

The State of Maryland to Samuel Chase Esquire

Greeting

Be it known that reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Zeal, Fidelity and good conduct We have nominated and appointed you Agent and Trustee to execute the Trust, Powers, and authorities under the act entitled An Act concerning the Stock of the Bank of England belonging to this State And we do hereby authorize and empower you to do and perform transact and negotiate all Matters and Things required by the said Act agreeably to the Directions and such Instructions as may be given you.

Done in Council at Annapolis this fifth Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three and in the eighth year of our Independence

Wm Paca

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Topic: Paca, William - Correspondence, 1783

Source: William Paca to Rev. William White, June 1783; Ford Collection #215; Pierpont Morgan Library

Information Recorded By: Barbara Paca 7/1984

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1783, June 27:

Dr. Sir

I will get a copy of the clergy's application to the General Assembly last session & will send it to you by the next post: it is too long to be copied & sent by this post -- they apply for leave to assemble & to hold a consultation to establish some church system the application was certainly unnecessary as the meeting proposed & the objects of it were perfectly legal : but Docr. Smith was anxious for the sanction of the Assembly & it was granted without any opposition. It is the desire of all who are acquainted with you or hear of your character that you would attend the Meeting.

I have not heard the Revd. Mr. Odell's name mentioned among our people: if I should hear any thing said I will take the liberty of communicating your/more? information.

By this time Mathias I dare say has made his appearance: he took a trip with me down the Bay on a visit in St. Mary's County: he left me last Sunday for Wye thence to Philadl.

I think you have improved mightily in your hand writing and I shall be glad to have further proof of it. Love to all

?????

27th June 1783

Wm Paca

[n.b.: Dr. William White was the minister of Christ Church, Philadelphia. He married William Paca and Ann Harrison. His father moved to Philadelphia from Harford County, where he was a neighbor and political colleague of John Paca, William's father.]

Topic: Paca, William - 1783 Assessment

Source: MSA, SC 1138-001-965

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo, 10/31/94

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1783:

AA: Annapolis Hundred

1 lot, 3/4 acre, 83.0.0

slaves:	1	< 8	m&f
	5	8-14	"
	3	14-45	males
	2	14-36	females

3 horses

2 head cattle

1 wh male, 1 wh female, 1 wh male 16-50

no other property

HA: 202 Pacas Meadows

48 Island

275 Pearsons Park & Bonds Purchase

QA: 1400 Lloyds Insula value: 4200.0.0

slaves:	24	< 8	m&f
	9	8-14	"
	10	14-45	males
	12	14-36	females
	3	> 45, > 36	

no plate

28 horses

138 head of cattle

£86 other property value: 2485.0.0

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, Anne Arundel County, NH#2/49, Maryland State Archives, 1/1/6/34

Information Recorded By: Elise Couper 11/1993

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 6/1998

1783, July 12:

William Paca to Joseph Maccubbin

99 year lease; £15 gold or silver annual rent on July 12

lot 9, on Cornhill Street beginning at lower corner of Absalom Ridgely's lot, running 37.5' to corner of William Slicer's lot, with same to Fleet Street, with street to Ridgely's lot, with same to beginning

for sum of £250 gold or silver, Maccubbin can purchase lot during rental term if rent not in arrears

recorded 7/12/1784

Topic: Paca, William - Landholding, Philadelphia

Source: MSA, SC 1138-001-965; Biographical Dictionary Files

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1783, July 18:

deeds, D7/467-9

deed between Joseph Harrison, eldest son of Henry Harrison, and William Paca, of Maryland, Esq.

Henry Harrison died intestate leaving 5 children including daughter Anne who married Paca and had issue; she and issue both dead; William [by right of curtesy] entitled to her 1/6 part of Henry's estate (lands & tenements) for life (fee simple then to Joseph); Paca has released his life interest to Joseph; Joseph now grants to William 8.75a in Northern Liberties of Philadelphia adjoining tract of Rev. William White & wife Mary

[Rev. White was the minister who married William Paca and Anne Harrison; he has strong ties to Harford County, Maryland]

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1783, July 26:

Volume 20

:457 James McHenry to William Paca

Dr. Sir.

If you have received no news of late it is because there was none to send. No definitive treaty--but daily expected--Congress still in Princetown, but daily expected to return to Philadelphia--by its citizens. Several engines ready to go to work--for this purpose--but some philosophers suspect that they are constructed on false principles.

I have had no opportunity to speak to the minister of France--but I would suppose that the letter must have got to hand by this time.

The derangements produced in public offices by our removal to this place has put it out of my power to obtain the late journals of Congress for the use of the State. I cannot even find that any of the last months have been published. I shall however enquire and if published have them sent forward to council.

With sincere esteem and regard I have the honor to be Dr Sir, your Excellency's most obt.

James McHenry

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, General Court of the Western Shore, TBH#1/65,
Maryland State Archives

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 4/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1783 July 31:

William Paca, Esquire, Annapolis to Robert Morris, Esquire, Philadelphia

£40,000 continental current money

Swan Harbour & Pacas Bitt, Harford, 713a

witnesses: Levin Winder, H. Hardman

recorded 7/31/1783

Topic: Paca, William - Residence as Governor in Eden's Home
Source: Ridout Papers, Maryland State Archives, D358, D371, D373,
D434, D438, and D504; 0/9/3-5

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 1-2/95

Information Transcribed By: _____

1783, August:

D371

#115

August 1783

John Ridout to Horatio Sharpe

[regarding Governor Eden, now in Maryland] ... seems pretty sanguine in his hopes that what property of his hath been confiscated will be restored or a compensation made, I can't say I am of that opinion -- **Mr Paca who as Govr occupies the house is at present on the Eastern Shore, Sr Robt & Mr H will wait here his return** which they mentioned as an excuse for not paying a visit to White Hall to morrow or next day when I invited them to come & dine with me. ... whatever nectarines other trees or shrubs you may be pleased to send shall be taken all possible care of but there are already several weeping willows planted at Whitehall particularly two very flourishing? ones at the bottom of the garden & six as a future screen from the west wing to the quic--hedge & one or two near the spring near the stable they are indeed a beautiful tree answering the description you give of them. I will endeavour to procure & send you some salted sheepshead & drum fish also some New Tour- pippens gathered in the state of ripeness you direct. the orchard bears tolerably well this year I expect there will be fruit enough to make 8 or 10 hhds of cyder & am now raising a nursery of young trees to supply vacancies occasioned by the --- warm? winter & to enlarge the orchard.

Topic: Paca, William - Crops

Source: Tilghman Papers, Maryland Historical Society, MS.2821; Box 4,
folder 2, Correspondence--Edward Tilghman to Edward Tilghman,
Jr., 1783

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 6/96

Information Transcribed By: _____

1783, August 24:

Wye 24 Augt. 83

The Governor's wheat 3750 bs. sold at 7/6 at his granary ...

Topic: Paca, William - Confiscated Property

Source: Governor and Council, Sale Book, 1781-1785, #17290, Miscellaneous
Records, MSA

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 3/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1783, October 7:

:62 property of the Principio Co. in Baltimore 10/7/1783

William Paca 265.5a lots 22 & 23

Topic: Paca, William - Account with William Russell, Great Britain

Source: MSA S1005-17689, Maryland State Papers (Series Z - Scharf Collection), MdHR 19999-122-30, 1/9/1/3

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 11/1997

Information Transcribed By: _____

1783, October 7:

statement sent by William Russell of Great Britain
fragment of paper with no context

side 1:

3	12 Dec 1781	Aquila Paca bond	786.10	30 Sept 1784
1	11 Sept 1781	J T Chase	1781.5	18 March 1785
4	7 Oct 1783	W Paca	1805.8	17 June 1784
5	Do	R Ridgely	2196.8.9	9 Sept 1784
□	26 Sept 1781	J T Chase part	992.6.3	21 Oct 1784

			7561.18.0	

--- nett amount sales 68876.16.2

1/12 is 5823.1.4

64053.14.10

1/18 is 3558.10.10

60495.4.0

1/8 is 7561.18.0

65994..15..3 whole 1/8 of
11/12ths is 7561.18.0

side 2:

shares calculated for Mr. Washington, State of Maryland for Mr.
Packman, Mr. Thos Russell, Mr. W Russell, State of Maryland

Topic: Paca, William - Society of the Cincinnati

Source: Hester Dorsey Richardson, Side-Lights on Maryland History with Sketches of Early Maryland Families, Cambridge, MD, Tidewater Publishers, [1903], 1967, vol. 1

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 8/95

Information Transcribed By: _____

1783, November 21:

:390

all commissioned officers

who had served 3 years and been honorably discharged
who were rendered supernumerary & honorably discharged
who were in service at definite peace

Maryland society formed 11/21/1783 at Mann's Tavern, called by
General Smallwood

:199, vol.2

Governor William Paca elected as an honorary member on 11/21/1783
same day, elected a delegate to general society
following year, elected vice-president of Md society & delegate to
general society

Topic: Paca, William - Host of Congress, 12/1783

Source: Smith, Paul H. editor, Letters of the Delegates to Congress, 1784-1789, Washington, DC, Library of Congress, vol. 21, pp. 228 and 232

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 6/95

12 December 1783:

David Howell to William Greene, p. 228

An elegant public dinner was ordered on the 22d by Congress. The Governor, Senate & House of Delegates with sundry of the citizens in all, including Congress, about 200 attended & partook of the feast--after which 13 toasts were drank under a discharge of 13 Cannon. Governor Paca invited the Company to a Ball in the Evening at the State House.

James Tilton to Gunning Bedford, Jr., p. 232

The feast on Monday was the most extraordinary I ever attended. Between 2 and 3 hundred Gentn: dined together in the *ball-room*. The number of cheerful voices, with the clangor of knives and forks made a din of a very extraordinary nature and most delightful influence. Every man seemed to be in heaven or so absord in the pleasures of imagination, as to neglect the more sordid appetites, for not a soul got drunk, though there was wine in plenty and the usual number of 13 toasts drank... In the evening of the same day, the Governor gave a ball at the State House. To light the rooms every window was illuminated. Here the company was equally numerous, and more brilliant, consisting of ladies and Gentn:

[Sir Robert Eden and Mr. [Harry] Harford were at the public dinner and dance, as well as Washington's resignation.]

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, General Court of the Western Shore, TBH#1/180,
Maryland State Archives

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 4/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1784, January 10:

his Excellency William Paca, Esquire, Annapolis to Charles Wallace, Annapolis,
merchant

5 shillings sterling

Nicholsons lots (to Paca from Wallace, 11/29/1780)

witness: Thomas Johnson, Jr.

recorded 2/16/1784

Topic: Paca, William - Bank Shares Subscription

Source: Smith, Paul H. editor, Letters of the Delegates to Congress, 1784-1789, Washington, DC, Library of Congress

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 6/95

Information Transcribed By: _____

1784, February 5-16:

Volume 21

:343 Thomas Mifflin to Samuel Howell and Edward Shippen

[written from Annapolis; stepson? of John Beale Bordley]

Gentlemen,

I have received the Letter you did me the honor to write to me, on the Subject of a New Bank; and have subscribed Ten Shares. Mr. Charles Thomson has subscribed Two.

The Subscription Papers is in the Hand of Governor Paca: to whom I communicated your Letter. He informs me that he will take several Shares; and will return it to me in a Day or two to be forwarded to you by the next Post. . . .

[Note: Mifflin returned this subscription paper to Howell and Shippen on February 16 under cover of the following brief note: "I return to you, enclosed, the Subscription Paper which you did me the Honor to send to me. It is **subscribed by Governor Paca, Mr Thompson, The House of Wallace & Co & by myself.**"

Topic: Paca, William - Courtship, Possible

Source: Bordley-Calvert Papers, Box 2, 1753-1815 & undated, MS.82, MHS

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 3/1998

1784, March 22:

Sarah Mifflin Bordley to Mrs. Jenny [Joseph] Shippen [her sister]

...It seems P:O: was on the point of being married to the Chief but by the good management of C with the Tale of a Tub about a Negro Woman and several children it is intirely broke off Mrs P - who is much displeased with C - says she is not a black woman but a mustee and is a very pretty woman with only one child. P:O: however will not see the Chief nor receive a letter from him written in his own defense and the tender C is bringing his family to her house to amuse and keep up her spirits or in other words her resentment and with the same good intention too will prevent every other pretender from making his addresses to her now he (C-) has found the way to her ear I am surprised that she knowing C-, would suffer herself to be duped in so barefaced a manner "whatever is right" and but strengthens an opinion I have had some reason to adopt that there is a fate in marriages twice has she been on the eve of wedlock and perhaps we know not yet the man to whom she will give her hand I think her not seeing nor receiving a letter from the Chief looks very much like a settled determination against him sure common justice requires that he should be heard at least: perhaps her kind Brother has advised her to such conduct as knowing it the most effectuall way to prevent the Match from ever coming on again.

My Son the President of Congress has invited us over to Annapolis to spend some weeks with them which honorable invitation I fancy we shall not accept.

[N.B.: It is unlikely that the "Chief" is William Paca, or at least that it does not refer to Levina and Hester, as the letter refers to the negro/mustee woman in the present tense and as having her child with her. It does not seem plausible that Hester would have been living with Levina when Paca asked Benjamin Rush and the Harrisons to look after her.

Topic: Paca, William - Furnishings

Source: Faris/McParlin Day Book, 1772-1844, MS 353, Maryland Historical Society

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo

Information Transcribed By: _____

1784, June 21:

Acct of Sundry Clocks

His Excellency Wm Paca

a kitchen clock & spring clock @ 30/
per year each June 21, 1784

other customers: Thomas Jennings, Nicholas Carroll, Charles Carroll of
Carrollton, Samuel Chase, Governor Smallwood (1785)

Topic: Paca, William - Host of Congress. 1783

Source: Smith, Paul H. editor, Letters of the Delegates to Congress, 1784-1789, Washington, DC, Library of Congress

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 6/95

Information Transcribed By: _____

1784, July 7:

Volume 21

:715 Samuel Dick to Sarah Dick

. . . Tho' here but two days I have been Invited to three Dinners, have Eat four, and din'd with two hundred Gentlemen--**On Monday with the Society of the Cincinati and the Governor of this State, . . . I declin'd Going to the Governors Ball last Evening**, these Amusements being too much for one day. . . .

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, Anne Arundel County, NH#2/47, Maryland State Archives, 1/1/6/34

Information Recorded By: Elise Couper 11/1993

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 6/1998

1784, July 12:

Charles Wallace to William Paca

£100 sterling

lot 9, beginning at the lower corner of Absalom Ridgely's lot on Cornhill Street and running down said street 37.5' to the corner of William Slicer's lot, then with Slicer's lot to Fleet Street, then with said street to Ridgely's lot, then with said lot to the beginning

recorded 7/12/1784

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, Anne Arundel County, NH#2/95, Maryland State Archives, 1/1/6/34

Information Recorded By: Elise Couper 11/1993

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 6/1998

1784, September 24:

Thomas Dorsey, AA, esquire to William Paca, esquire

£500 current money

lot 75, beginning at a post standing in a line of the public circle and running thence in a line with the gavel [gable] wall of the carpenter's house and with the pailing of the garden adjoining thereto across the said lot to Tabernacle Street, thence easterly with said street till intersects the alley leading to the public circle, thence with the alley to the circle, thence with the circle to the beginning

recorded 11/5/1784

[n.b.: Paca sells this property to Sarah Joice in 1785 for 5 shillings]

Topic: Paca, William - Administration, Philemon Chew Estate

Source: MSA S1005-14225, Maryland State Papers (Series Z - Scharf Collection), MdHR 19999-88-56-2, 1/8/5/67

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 11/1997

Information Transcribed By: _____

1784, October 1:

[see 1767, July 10 for Dulany bond; document below in Paca's handwriting.]

Anne Arundel County

October 1st. 1784

Then came before me the subscriber one of the justices for the State of Maryland **Wm. Paca executor of the last will & testament of Philemon Lloyd Chew** and made oath that he hath received no part or parcel or security or satisfaction for the principle and interest of the above bond except as hereafter excepted and that it doth not appear by any books papers or vouchers of the said Philemon Lloyd Chew that he received any part or parcel thereof or security or satisfaction for the said principal and interest except what is hereafter excepted : which said part so excepted is a balance on the distributary estate of Mrs. Henrietta Maria Dulany which said estate the Philemon Lloyd Chew was executor & of which said Henrietta Maria Dulany the said Lloyd Dulany was one of the representatives & which said ballance is due principally if not entirely in stocks & other specific articles and as far as the sd. Wm. Paca is able to ascertain from the sd. Philemon Lloyd Chews books papers & the books & papers & vouchers of the said Mrs. Henrietta Maria Dulany amounts to the sum of one hundred and sixty five pounds thirteen shillings & eleven pence paper currency of the former emendment and the said Wm. Paca admits that the said ballance of stock &c. not being paid by the said Philemon Lloyd Chew in his life time is due from the sd. Wm. Paca as his executor.

[Hyde's handwriting]

Sworn before

Wm. Hyde

at 6s/pr dollar 33 1/3 d
sterling

139..6..5 is currency	232..4..0
add currency	53..0..0

	285..4..0
deduct Credit	165..13..11

Balance	119..10..1

Interest thereon from 6th July 1767 to
1st. October 1784. 17 years 2 months 25 days 123..11..6

243..1..7

There appears to be two hundred and forty three pounds One Shilling and
Seven pence due on the within Bond.

C Richmond
Aud Genl.

In Council 5th Jany 1785

The above Account for Bond & Interest examined & approved
p order

T Johnson Jr

The above Account passed for	£243..1..7 cy
Int. on ditto from 1st Oct 84 to 15 Aug 86	27..6.10

	£270..8..5

Endorsed:

Governor Paca
for P L Chews Estate
agst. Lloyd Dulany

rec'd 30th Septr. 1784

Exd.
passed

Topic: Paca, William - Revolutionary War Role

Source: Archives of Maryland, vol. LXXI, "Journal and Correspondence of the State Council of Maryland, 1784-1789"

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 6/1997

1784, November 24:

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- 1 The General Assembly of Maryland on Wednesday the 24th. Day of November 1784 went into the Choice of a Governor and unanimously rechose William Paca Esquire. His Excellency qualified the same Day in the Senate House in Presence of the Members of the GA by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government, and the Laws of this State, and by making and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion.
- 3 address to Marquis de la Fayette
- 64 William Smallwood elected governor 11/17/1785

Topic: Paca, William - Tradesmen's Accounts

Source: Davidson Account Books, Day Book, vol. II, MS.281, MHS

Information Recorded By: F. Garner Ranney n.d.

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 4/1998

1784, December 6:

12/6/1784 Governor Paca, Annapolis hinges and nails

12/8/1784 three pairs of shoes per Matt

Topic: Paca, William - Bank Stock Case

Source: Bank Stock Papers, William Paca to Samuel Chase, n.d., MS.1195

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 2/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

between June 1783 and November 1785

[document is not actually directed to Chase; contains responses in support and opposition to a question put to the governor and council regarding the allowance of a 4% commission to Samuel Chase for negotiating for return of bank stock.]

Vote of governor and council:

Governor, Gabriel Duvall, Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Brice in affirmative,

Benjamin Stoddert and John H Stone in negative

Stoddert writes the dissent--argues that the task requires only someone with mercantile skills to ask for return of stock, if not returned then turns to chancery court for redress; therefore 4% commission excessive

William Paca writes the assent [his handwriting]--long argument as to why act calls for gentleman of 'abilities and address'; history of previous commissions, action of senate in changing house compensation (2.5% + expenses) to 4%-no expenses

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, Kent County, EF#6/473, Maryland State Archives

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 4/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1785, January 1:

Visitors and Governors of Washington College to Honorable William Paca,
Esquire, Governor

£72.10.0 lawful money + yearly rent

99-year lease of that lot or parcel of college ground No. one and two, near the
town of Chester, 1.75a, from 1st/1/1784 to 1/1/1883

rent of 2 bushels of wheat per acre on January 1st each year or \$2; permission
to farm or build

witnesses: John Davidson, Aquila Paca

signed by William Smith [president of college] and William Paca

recorded 6/24/1785

Topic: Paca, William - Revolutionary War Role

Source: Archives of Maryland, vol. LXXI, "Journal and Correspondence of the State Council of Maryland, 1784-1789"

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 6/1997

1785, January 5:

- 11 The following Accounts against Confiscated property lodged in the Auditors Office before the 1st. of October last, are now exhibited to this Board for examined and approved:

... William Paca Esqr. Executor of Philemon Lloyd Chew, for Lloyd Dulany's Bond to said Chew--Balance thereon with Interest to the 1st. of October last, Two hundred and forty three pounds, one shilling and seven pence.

Topic: Paca, William - Tradesmen's Accounts

Source: Davidson Account Books, Day Book, vol. II, MS.281, MHS

Information Recorded By: F. Garner Ranney n.d.

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 4/1998

1785, January 8:

1/8/1785 for Matt, silk hose and black buckles

1/8/1785 Governor Paca for Mr. Beard, taylor clothing, etc.

1/11/1785 more clothing from Mr. Beard

1/18/1785 nails

1/20/1785 to Governor Paca for 14 Barrels Corn @ 20/ 14.0.0

1/31/1785 Governor Paca per Mr. Beard 2 hanks silk

Sale of property by William Paca to Sarah Joice

TBH1/309

General Court of the Western Shore

This indenture 1/13/1785
between William Paca of the City of Annapolis
and Sara Joice of the said city

£0.5.0 sterling

lot or parcel of ground lying and being in the said city which
the said William Paca lately purchased of Thomas Dorsey

metes and bounds as per deed from Dorsey

together with all the edifices houses improvements [etc]

witnesses: Samuel Chase
 Allen Quynn

recorded 1/22/1785

Topic: Paca, John - Funeral

Source: The Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, Friday, January 21, 1785, page 2

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 11/1997

1785, January 16:

Last Sunday the 16th Instant, at St. George's Church, were performed the Funeral Obsequies of the late JOHN PACA, Esq; of Harford, before a very numerous and respectable Body of People of every Denomination, from all Parts of the County. The Solemnity of the Scene, heightened by the Emphasis and Manner with which the Reverend Speaker officiated, met with universal Approbation, and it is with a serious Pleasure, we communicate to our Readers the following Extract from the concluding Part of the Eulogy.

"Fancy to yourselves a venerable old Man, whose Silver Locks were the Testimony of Experience, decrepit with Age, and worn down by Infirmities, on his dying Bed; and, but a few Hours before his Departure, rising on his Pillow with such remarkable Strength, as strongly indicated "the inner Man" triumphing over the Shackles of Mortality, and giving to his Family and Friends around him, his last farewell Benediction. See him with the Affection of a Father, with his Hands clasped in Devotion, and his Eyes cast up to Heaven, entreating his Neighbours present, "to turn to the living GOD." There could be no Enmity, no Deception here!--It was surely the Voice of Humanity, and the Language of Truth, flowing from his Lips, whilst his Heart was experiencing "the Riches, the Goodness of GOD."--Oh happy--happy Period! that terminated Life in such a Death! What in Nature so forcibly affecting to the human Heart! Speech fails when Example is so powerful to remind each of us to seek GOD, while it is yet Day, and before the Gospel, the Lamp of Divine Love, is forever extinguished from our Eyes.

The Death-Bed of the Just is yet undrawn
By mortal Hand; it merits a Divine:
Angels should paint it, Angels ever There;
There, on a Post of Honour, and of Joy."

Topic: Paca, William - Correspondence, 1785

Source: Letter, William Paca to Governor George Clinton, 28 January 1785, Emmet 3513, New York Public Library, Rare Manuscripts and Documents Collection

Information Recorded By: Barbara Paca 8/1984

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 5/1997

1785, January 28:

Letter: Paca (William), Annapolis (MD), January 28, 1785
To Gov. (George) Clinton, New York

Acknowledges a letter and depositions relative to the piracy of Hughes and Burke; he has had the depositions taken, which he now forwards, the schooner is at Baltimore, and the affair has been communicated to the judge of the Admiralty so that she may be secured. L.S. Endorsed 1 page

Topic: Paca, William - Potomac River Navigation Subscription

Source: "Subscriptions for extending the Navigation of Potowmack," MSA
T68-116, MdHR 1377, 2/4/2/14

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 11/1997

Information Transcribed By: _____

1785, February - May:

In pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of this State Entitled "An Act for establishing a Company for opening and extending the Navigation of the River Potomack" We the Subscribers, desirous of promoting so laudable an undertaking, do promise and hereby oblige ourselves our Heirs Executors & Administrators to pay, such Treasurer as shall be appointed to receive the same, the several and respective Shares affixed to our names, in such proportions as shall be agreed upon at a general meeting of the Company to be held on the 17th day of May 1785.

Subscribers names	Residence	No. of Shares
Wm. Paca	Annapolis	Four
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton	do	six
Dan of St Thos Jenifer	do	one
Wallace & Muir	ditto	Five
TStone	do	two
W H Hunt? Sr.	Portobacco	one
J Ridout	Anns	one
Saml. Chase	Annapolis	one
Rob. H. Harrison	Charles Cty	one
Stephen West	Pr. Geo. Cty	one
J. A Thomas	St. Marys	two

Act:

subscription books to be opened in Anna, G'town, Frederick (managed by Christopher Richardson and John Davidson, merchant, in Anna) from Feb. 8 to

Topic: Paca, William - Tradesmen's Accounts

Source: Davidson Account Books, Day Book, vol. II, MS.281, MHS

Information Recorded By: F. Garner Ranney n.d.

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 4/1998

1785, February 17:

2/17/1785 cloth, thread, buttons per Mr. Beard, taylor

Topic: Paca, William - Tradesmen's Accounts

Source: Davidson Account Books, Day Book, vol. II, MS.281, MHS

Information Recorded By: F. Garner Ranney n.d.

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 4/1998

1785, March 12:

3/12/1785 cotton and thread hose

Topic: Paca, William - Correspondence, Miscellaneous

Source: Robert Wilson, Half-Forgotten By-Ways of the Old South,
Columbia, SC, The State Company, 1928

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 9/1995

Information Transcribed By: _____

1785, c.:

:318

Rummaging on among the contents of the antique bookcase, we find a time-stained document with the familiar signature "Go. Washington." It is a letter introducing Mr. Pine as an "artist of acknowledged eminence, who has given the world many pleasing and forcible specimens of genius."

[n.b.: Pine moved to Philadelphia from England in 1784. He visited George Washington at Mount Vernon in April 1785; on subsequent journeys to and fro painted a number of pictures in Maryland, including of those of Carroll & Caton family members. He died in Philadelphia on Nov. 19, 1788. His painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence included a representation of Paca based on the portrait Pine had earlier painted. Charles Henry Hart, "'The Congress Voting Independence.' A Painting by Robert Edge Pine and Edward Savage in the Hall of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania," Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, XXIX, 1-14.]

Topic: Paca, William - Letter from Wm Hindman, 1785

Source: MSA, Red Book IV, Correspondence of Maryland Delegates in Congress, 1776-1778; Letters and Instructions from Council of Safety of Delegates in Congress, 1776-1777; part 2
1/6/3/39; 4562-51

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo, 11/94

1785, April 18:

New York

My dear Sir

When Leisure & Inclination will admit I should be made very happy in hearing from you, were it only to **inform me of your's and our friends healths, & what are the pleasures and amusements of the ladies in Annapolis.**

Mr. Harrison Secretary to the President requests me to say unto you that he is in the land of the living -- he tells me that he hears Miss Plater & Miss Lloyd are going to be married to the two Mr. Lownes's I very much doubt the truth of it

[balance of letter concerns account of committee of congress]

Topic: Paca, William - Confiscated Property

Source: Governor and Council, Sale Book, 1784, #17292, Miscellaneous
Records, MSA

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 3/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1785, April 30:

- 4: 4/30/1785 property of Henry Harford
His Excellency William Paca Esqr
an unimproved lot in Annapolis £150

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, Baltimore County, WG#SS/288, Maryland State Archives

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 4/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1785, May 4:

sale of part of Lunns Lot; completed 9/2/1795

John Eager Howard, Baltimore, to William Paca, Queen Anne

£375 current money + interest now [1795] paid

sold moiety of part of Lunns Lot, 5/4/1785; lots 1051-2-3-4-5, bounded on north by Fayette, east by Eutaw, south by Goldsborough, and west by Paca streets

154' on Paca, 150' on Goldsborough, // Paca 154', west 150'

other half of block to remain a public square; no other public buildings except one for holding of General Assembly and for meetings of the executives of this state and for such public offices as the Stadt House in Annapolis

recorded 9/17/1795

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, General Court of the Western Shore, TBH#1/369,
Maryland State Archives

Information Recorded By: Jean Russo 4/1998

Information Transcribed By: _____

1785, May 10:

Commissioners for British Property to William Paca, Annapolis

£1805.8.0 current money

2 Principio Company lots 22 (142.5a) and 23 (123a), both part of Grindon,
adjacent to Sophia's Garden

witness: William Hall 3rd

recorded 5/10/1785

Topic: Paca, William - Tradesmen's Accounts

Source: Davidson Account Books, Day Book, vol. II, MS.281, MHS

Information Recorded By: F. Garner Ranney n.d.

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 4/1998

1785, June 28:

6/28/1785 2 pairs cotton hose, hat, 2 lawn handkerchiefs, 5 pairs silk hose

Topic: Paca, William - Tradesmen's Accounts

Source: Davidson Account Books, Day Book, vol. II, MS.281, MHS

Information Recorded By: F. Garner Ranney n.d.

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 4/1998

1785, July 4:

7/4/1785 cloth, silk, linen, etc.

7/26/1785 handsaw, hammer, 2 augers, spade, drawing knife, frying pan, 2m 10d nails, 1m 20d nails

Topic: Paca, William - Deeds

Source: Land Records, Anne Arundel County, NH#2/241, Maryland State Archives, 1/1/6/34

Information Recorded By: Elise Couper 11/1993

Information Transcribed By: Jean Russo 6/1998

1785, August 1:

Nathan Hammond, Annapolis to William Paca

£200 current money

beginning at cedar post standing on northwest side of Northeast Street (which he bought of Charles Hammond who bought of Thomas Larkin) opposite the westernmost corner of lot A, being the northernmost lot of the new town boundary on King George Street, and running from said post 10 perches? with Northeast Street to a cedar post standing in the line of the said street, then northwest 16 perches? to a cedar post, then southwest 10 perches? to a cedar post, then with straight line to beginning, containing 1 acre of ground

recorded 8/8/1795

[Elise left the distance field blank; I am assuming that the measurements were in perches, and that she did not transcribe that word because she was unfamiliar with it.]

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1785, August 5:

8/5/1785 300 brads

8/23/1785 2 pairs of shoes