

**William Ball to George Washington, May 25, 1757,
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FROM WILLIAM BALL, ESQ.¹

WILLIAMSBURG May 25th. 1757

DR. SR.

Waited on the Governor this day in Company with Capt. Mc.Neale, on my applying to him to be paid for my Servant Man Samuel Poe, was directed to you I hope Sir you will think it Reasonable to send Me Fifteen pounds Nothing could induce Me to value Him so low only that he is in my Countrys Services & has behav'd so well as to be made a Serjeant his first cost was £30 after he had serv'd two years I gave twenty odd pounds, having then five years to serve, He has not serv'd Me one Moment nor have I seen Him since I purchas'd Him, by our Law he would be Oblig'd to serve Me Nine years he has been gone two years last Christmas though at this time can't justly Recollect, Should you not be of Opinion to give Me ye above Sum pray put Him in proper Officers Hands to be convey'd to Me in Lancaster cty, I hope Dr. Sr. you will pardon my troubling you with this, With Due Respect I Am your Very Afft hle Servt &c

WM BALL —

¹ William Ball, of "Millenbeck," St. Mary's, White Chapel Parish, Lancaster County; son of William and Margaret (Ball) Ball, and grandson of William and Hannah (Beale) Ball; married Lettice Lee, daughter of Colonel Henry Lee

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and Mary, daughter of Richard Bland. He was Burgess for Lancaster County, 1757–58, and a cousin many times removed of Washington.