

forwarding the Business you may have provincial Money from our Treasurer for any Sum in Gold or Silver Coin you may lodge with him. C. S. J.

The Council went to Whetstone Point to inform themselves of the situation thereof, and consider of the practicability of fortifying the same.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.

[Alexander to Council.]

Original.

Gent. You have inclosed two Resolutions of Congress one respecting the Collection of Gold & silver for the pay of the Troops in Canada, the other on the Case of M^r Juge, referred to Congress by the Convention of your Province. In consequence of the Resolve of the Convention, we made application to Congress to grant permission to consume the Tea imported before the first of Feb^y last, the application was referred to a Committee of the whole House, where the Subject was debated for two Days & overruled by a Majority 7 colonies to 5, the last N. York, Jersey, Penn^{sa} Delaware & Maryland, and a Report made by the Chairman, that it was inexpedient to alter the association, this Report now lies on the Table. the Loss of Gen^l Montgomery with the particulars of his unfortunate attach on Quebeck, you will have heard. Measures are now taken by Congress, which I trust will reduce Carlton & his few Troops before the End of February, had one third of the Succours been sent Montgomery, in all human probability, the Life of that brave & gallant Officer had been saved & Quebeck long e'er this in our Possession. the Instructions of the Convention are come to Hand, but not as yet laid before Congress. I am much pleased with them, they intirely coincide with my Judgment & that Line of Conduct which I had determined to persue, the Farmer and some others to whom in Confidence they were shewn, say they breath that Spirit, which ought to govern all publick Bodies, Firmness tempered with Moderation:

I am Gen^t with respect y^r Hble. Servant.

Phil^a 30 Jan^y 1776.

Rob^t Alexander.

[Dorsey and others to Council.]

Original.

Elk Ridge Feb^y 2^d 1776.

Gentlemen. The Honorable Convention having been pleased to appoint us Field Officers for the Elk Ridge Battalion of Militia, and we well knowing the situation of said Battalion, respecting Fire arms, many being without any, and others in such order that were we called to action, would not be able to make a proper defence, and we considering that at a very