

M<sup>r</sup> Cummins has not yet sent an ounce of provision for the Company quartered at this place notwithstanding his promisses. I propose joining the council the last of next week and hope my attendance will not be wanting before, if it should they will please to write me, my long absence, from home makes my stay in the County for some time very necessary but if the public Business calls I will obey and am Gen<sup>t</sup> with the greatest Regard & respect,

Your most Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Smyth:

[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Original.

Phil<sup>a</sup> 9 April 1776.

Gen<sup>t</sup> The Bearer Thomas Road's is hired on purpose to carry our Paper, 51 Ream, to Annapolis for which we have advanced part of the Price and are to pay the rest on his Return we chose to send the Paper by Land at once to avoid all Hazard and prevent every Disappointment. The plates are not yet done. M<sup>r</sup> Rittenhouse now promises they shall be done by next Saturday and as the Assembly is adjourned we hope he will fulfil his promise they shall be forwarded by the post or some safe Hand as soon as done.

We are Gen<sup>t</sup>

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup> Th. Johnson Ju<sup>r</sup>  
T. Stone. R. Alexander.

[S. Smith to Council.]

Original.

Balt<sup>o</sup> Town 9<sup>th</sup> April 1776.

Gen<sup>t</sup> Since my return have made Enquiry & found a Person a professed stocker of Guns who will immediately finish your number of Guns at 15/ each tis the customary price. The Gunsmiths as yet do very little work & I see no probability of my Company being armed by them these 3 months. I shall be much obliged if you permit me to fit the Province Arms I now have. I shall not want more than 15 or 16.

I am Gen<sup>t</sup> Your mo. obed<sup>t</sup> & oblig<sup>d</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sam Smith.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1776

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr. Hall

Commissions issued to William Falton appointed 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant and John Hill Ensign of Captain James Mackey's Company of Militia in Cæcil County.