

wish it supplied by the appointment of him who now acts as my second Lieutenant (M<sup>r</sup> Moses Lecompte Jun) And if y<sup>r</sup> Honours have not in view a person more worthy to act as second Lieu<sup>t</sup> take the liberty of naming M<sup>r</sup> Matthias Traverse, if you approve of him.

I am Gentlemen with due Respect  
Y<sup>r</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> hum Ser<sup>t</sup>  
Joseph Robson.

P. S. As I cant possibly march until the officers are complete, I hope the messenger will be dispatched as quick as possible.

c. s. c. [Committee of Safety of Virginia to Council.]

In Committee of Safety Virg<sup>a</sup> Jan. 27. 1776.

Gent<sup>n</sup> As we are so closely connected by inclination as well as interest and our situation strongly points out the propriety of attending to the operations which may be necessary for our mutual defence. We are desirous of establishing & keeping up a constant intimate correspondence with you. We think it proper to inform you that we have resolved to build for the protection of Potomac River two row gallies one of them to carry one 24 pounder, the other a twelve pounder & both swivels, also three vessels carrying one of them four six pounders & some four pounders the other two vessels four pounders & swivels, we do not conceive this adequate to the importance of that great river, but as we have three other rivers to which we must extend the like care, and as your province is equally interested in the Safety of Potomac river we could not doubt but it would be the wish of your body to participate in its protection. Our determination on this head is yet subject to alteration and we shall chearfully consult & advise with you on this or any other subject conducive to the Interest of both & to our mutual defence.

	We are with great respect
Y <sup>r</sup> m <sup>o</sup> H. Sv <sup>t</sup>	John Page V. P.
John Tabb.	Dudley Digges.
Tho <sup>s</sup> Walker	P. Carrington, J <sup>s</sup> Mercer.

[Smallwood to Council.]

Annapolis 27 January 1776

Gentlemen.

I observe the Gentlemen of the convention have allowed the soldiers as a uniform hunting shirts, but no spatter dashes, which renders the regimentals incompleat, this they certainly