

gentlemen. I hope you and your spouse and family have been happily situated this winter. I have just received a letter from your Brother in law Captⁿ Robinson who is gone out lieutenant in an armed vessel in the service of the Province. I shall give you his words. "I have another request to make you about a matter I'm very anxious for viz^t that you'l please to countenance my Brother in Law M^r Burgess, he is come at an unlucky time for himself as to what he Primarily intended, but he is remarkably ingenious and well versed in drawing and in military matters, he may be a very useful hand at this time, should there occur any thing in which he could be employed I'm confident his conduct would give satisfaction."

So far your Brother. Now Sir in conformity to his letter I have wrote to the Honourable Council of Safety at Annapolis. If you have any desire of being employed it will be your best way I think to wait upon them and offer your service, and if you have interest enough with M^r Hall either to go with you or unto the Council of Safety in your behalf, I think it might be of service, the small acquaintance between us prevents my saying further my respect for Isaiah and all his friends is sincere and I am with very good Regard, Sir

Your friend & servant. Stephen West.

If you come this way I shall be glad to see you.

To M^r Burgess at Hagers Town.

[West to Jenifer.]

Original.

Woodyard 30th Jan^y 1776.

My Good Sir.

Having occasion for some money this week I have sent up my son with the agreement, order & Certificate relative to my powder & Lead, with the amount. I shall be much obliged to for your favour in despatching him as he proposes to return the same day. I have wrote to The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety upon this & other matters, from my agreement with the Council of Secrecy the treasurer I think ought to pay me at once but you know best whether you or your Clk must first give an order. What is the highest exchange you give for good Bills, please tell Willy. I inclose the Papers. I am with

sincere respect your faithfull & obed^t servant,

Stephen West.

To The Hon^{ble} Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq^r

[G. Lee to Beall.]

Original.

Gisborough Jan^y 30th 1776

Sir. Had I known on Sunday evening when I received it, that the inclosed Commⁿ was intended for the upper Battalion