

fore desire you will please to send us £1000 by the first good conveyance as we are pushing with double diligence and consequently double expence. We have the Honor to be Gentⁿ Your most obed^t servt^s

Will^m Lux, An^d Buchanan, John Moale
Jn^o Smith, W^m Buchanan

The Commanding Officer of the Regulars stationed
here is much wanted :

To the Hon^l the Council of Safety of M^d

Original.

[Virginia Committee to Council.]

Williamsburg March 9th 1776.

Gentlemen : The great length of Potomack River from its mouth to Alexandria where men of war can go & the probability of some attempts being made by the enemy in that Quarter make it prudent in our opinion to erect beacons or signals for communicating intelligence of their approach up the river in a more speedy manner than can be done by land. We have therefore appointed Colonel Mercer of the third & Colonel Peachey of the fifth Regiment to examine the river & fix the different posts & mode of continuing these Signals, but as we are aware that the course of the river will make it necessary that many of them should be set in your Province, we hope you will approve the measure & name Commissioners on your part to co-operate with the above named Gentlemen in effecting it. We hear of no more naval arrivals & the former quiet as to depredations on shore & up the rivers, confining themselves to seizures in the Bay when they have an opportunity. We have had no intelligence of General Clinton since he went out :

We are Gentlemen your most obedient Servants, For the
Commee of Safety of Virginia. Edm^d Pendleton, S.

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[J. A. Thomas to Council.]

S^t Marys County 9th March 1776.

Gent^r Since my last I have contracted for a number of Gun locks which will be sent up by the Post, In my last I mentioned my having stationed a Part of my Company at the Mouth of Patuxent River, and the rest will go to the Lower Part of the County on Potomack as soon as Provision can be made for them, which is here extremely difficult to be done, If I may be allowed, I will immediately go to the eastern shore and get a quantity of Pork and Hogs Lard, I suppose fifty barrels of Pork would be sufficient for my Company until the Fall, pro-