

will not be given here unless our attendance in Convention is desired. M^r Tilghman left us yesterday, M^r Paca is here. We have nothing new since we last had the Honour of addressing you The continental Proof of cannon is two thirds of the weight of a ball, of Powder, and two Balls, tho this is said to be less powder than is used for the purpose in England: We are Gen^t with much respect Your most
Ob^t Serv^t T. Stone. J. Rogers.

Phil^a June 15th 1776. We have sent by the stage 4 Rm. paper a Box Instruments, & a Gun Carriage :

[Cook to Plater.]

c. s. c.

Smiths Creek June 15th 1776.

D^r Sir. I have sent you by this opportunity the draught of Smith's Creek, I hope it will please, as I have laid down as correct as I possible could, it took me much longer then I expected, I was three days & a half in taken the angles and distance of places w^t the soundings in the Chanell and on the Barr's and two days in plating the three & half days was obliged to hire two hands to attend me, I am at this time much hurried by a report of part of Dunmores fleet intending up the bay, expected to land off point lookout, the news is brought by the tender of the congress; they had it from deserters from the fleet of Dunmores excuse hast. I am D^r Sir
Your most Humble Serv^t George Cook.

To Colonel Plater :

[Garrett to Council.]

Harford Co^{ty} Swann Creek 15th June 1776.

Sirs, Agreeable to the Resolve of the Convention, I have been endeavouring as superintendant of the Salt Petre Works of this County, to Comply with the same, but have met with difficultys in the essay that I did not expect from the several Publications thereof. I have got my works erected and materials collected for going on with it, I have been sometime at work but whether owing to the extra. wet season when I raised the earths or its not rising so plentifully in our flat clayey lands as in those more Hilly and dry, I cant tell, but cant find the quantitys contained in the earths I have tryed, as has been published,—I think I shall now produce six or eight pounds per day and have hopes of more. I have three Boilers 70, 60 & 30 gallons which we use more or less every day. I have weighed what is made and fit for sending away this