

out what I am to be accused with and that he or myself may meet with the instant demeritts we deserve.

I am Sir your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Benson Stainton.

Original.

[M<sup>c</sup>Fadon to Committee.]

George Town 17<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. I received your favour of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. and duly observe the contents, wherein you request to know the steps I have taken to fullfill my engagement with the publick, what progress I have made and what returns. the steps I have taken are as follows viz : I have at a very considerable expence prepared a house that will contain sixteen looms and all other utensils for carrying on the weaving business. I shall by the last of next week have up 8 looms, and as soon as I can procure hands will set up the remainder. I have purchased weavers, hired jorneymen taken apprentices &<sup>c</sup> I have erected a mill for brusesing & swingling flax the best on the continent. I have purchased a quantity of flax and imployed spinners and expects in a short time to have it in my power to finish 100 yards of linen p<sup>r</sup> day which the Convention may have provided they will give me as much as I can sell my linen for, by receiving letters from the Counsel of Safety that they were much wanting course linen, for tenting and sheeting, I carryed 239½ yards to Annapolis the week before last and by the valuation the Committee put on it I lost from 6 to 10 pounds of what I could have sold for it here, notwithstanding they confessed they had not received as good linen from any other factory. This is publick punishment in place of publick Incouragement. With regard to the progress I have maid in manufacturing it is so well known to the most of the gentlemen in this part of the province and some of the members in Convention know I have brought manufacturing of linen to greater perfection than has ever before been done in the province and is able to bring it to as good perfection both in and whitening as any imported provided I meet with proper Incouragement.

I am with the greatest respect, Gentlemen,  
Your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Alex M<sup>c</sup>Fadon.

Original.

[Buchanan to Tilghman.]

Sir.

Lexington Balt Co<sup>ty</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1776.

In compliance with yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> (and the resolves of convention therein referred to) a meeting of the field officers of Col Tolly's and the Baltimore Town Battalions with the