

[Nathaniel Smith to Barrister Carroll.]

Original.

Charles Carroll E'q^r

Sir

I rec^d your order in Council Safety of the 16th Ins^t, & Agreeable theretoo, have sent in the Schooner Resolution, two 18 pounders with all the Aperatus belonging to them, have likewise sent 300 18^{lb} Shott, 300 ditto wads 500 nine pound wads 183 5^{lb} Shott which is all I have but expect more in hourelly as soone as they come and have an opertunity will send them down to you.

I have not 200 wads of all the other Sizes.

When Coll^o Ware left this he desired I woud take care of the Magezine & Laberatory. Major Jones Apply'd to me, to know what the Militia is to do for Catriges in case of an Attack, as the Regulers took away the gratest part of the Catriges when they left this.

my Company are now all employd in the Works here. shou'd be glad to know wheather the Council Safety wou'd allow Major Jones or myself to employ Carefull hands (on Acc^t of the Province) to make a number of Catriges for the Small armes

I am Sir

Your m^o Hhble Servt.

Nath^l Smith

Fort at Whetstone

July 18th 1776.

[Alexandria Committee to Jenifer.]

Original.

Alexandria July 18th 1776.

Sir. At a meeting of the Committee for this County and District, a Resolution was entered into to write to your Council of Safety, and appointed me for that purpose.

I am informed that your commanding officer or officers in each County have it not in their power to raise the militia (on any occasion) under his or their command, without application to your Council of Safety and instructions from them for that purpose.

Permit me to say I apprehend many dangers may be avoided, many good consequences (in case of a sudden attack from the enemies of America) are obvious, had the commanding officers in each County on Potowmack River full power to raise the Militia and order them to march where there was a real occasion either in your own province or to the assistance of a sister Colony. We have been frequently alarmed with Dunmore and his Banditti with the vessels of war paying us a visit, and when he lately made his appearance in our River, it was presumed, his intention was to make this place an object