

ordered their vessels that is loading here with tobacco for C. S. C. France to Ballas with Stone owing to the high price of iron we have rec<sup>d</sup> our directions this day on that account. M<sup>r</sup> Snowden would not sell till Tuesday till he sees his brother when I am to have his answer about the iron I saw one of the brothers. Cap<sup>t</sup> Kilty waits your answer and my directions about this matter. M<sup>r</sup> Omensetter says one M<sup>r</sup> Payton of Virginia took the goods before he got down, he has wrote you about it. from your humble servant

Jesse Hollingsworth

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Council of Safety of M<sup>d</sup>

[Smallwood to Jenifer.]

Original.

Sir.

Snow Hill March 14<sup>th</sup> 1777.

I have waited sometime in expectation of receiving an Answer to my Lt<sup>r</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> and of being favor'd with the commands of the general Assembly respecting any further Operations or Measures which might be thought expedient to be adopted, the better to Protect the Whigs, and secure the Tories of these two Counties; for I am better satisfied than when I wrote before, that the Proclamation will not have the desired Effect, nor indeed wou'd any measures avail here, unless Similar shou'd be adopted in the Delaware State, such is their Confidence in each other, from their communication, and Vicinity, and from their particular situation and Intercourse with the British Navy, that unless this Intercourse, and the Principle and Spirit of Disaffection can generally be removed, the purpose by an Attempt in any particular Part will not I doubt be effected. I am daily discovering Persons who are not only more disaffected, but whose conduct has been more Criminal & from their Influence have injured the comōn cause much beyond what has been in the power of many of the Excepted Persons; yet I've the strongest assurances that such without altering their Principles will avail themselves of the Benefit of the Proclamation, & will view it in no other light than as a compulsory Act (which some already have insinuated) whilst others more conscientious, cannot renounce their *beloved King*, and therefore several already have absolutely refused to take the oath of Allegiance to this State. What have you to expect from those who have cut down Liberty Poles, and in direct opposition thereto, have erected the Kings Standard, & in an avowed manner drank his Health and Success, & destruction to Congress and Conventions, of those who have advised and actually signed General Howe's Proclamation of Militia Officers who have embodied with & headed the Insurgents, Of Persons under