

account this letter I got by my servant Phill whom I sent yesterday for Chase's Horse which I left at Carson's he rode all night and gave it to me about an Hour ago. c. c

I have been obliged to call upon the Inhabitants here for their Clock Weights and Window Weights: we wanted Lead: and as we have here every conveniency for making Cartridges and men that understand it I intend to make up all Our Powder and get all the Lead that I can: We have Tradesmen here that understand the making of every military Article and they are all at work.

There is a Brig here that belongs to Flannagan in Philad: he is preparing to sail I think it highly injurious to our Cause to have our men so foolishly thrown into the Hands of the Enemy I therefore forbid it and by the Advice of the General I shall be under the absolute necessity of taking the Sails of this Brig of a Scow and several Schooners for Tents for our Militia I shan't be under the necessity of cutting them up The General says Sails answered last winter for Tents exceedingly well and were preferable in general to regular Tents Every Body here is satisfied with the Propriety of the measure. I will however you would issue your orders for the stoppage of all Vessels for some Time. This Brig is loaded with Tobacco and would besides the Captivity of our Countrymen who are a parcel of fine Seamen be a valuable Prize in the Enemy's Hands: Whatever I do in this extreme Way is upon Consultation with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Smyth and M<sup>r</sup> Earle The General & others in this place I have also got of the Merchants fourteen Bolts of Canvass for Covering for Waggon and other Purposes.

I enclose you a List of Articles for our Medicinal Chest which send by first opportunity We want some three pound Ball for Cannon and as many Cartridge Boxes as can be spared.

The Enemy have taken above seventy slaves on our Bay side and the River Elk: Upon application by some of their Masters a Day was formally appointed for a Restoration of them When the Day came they were told they could not have them but should be paid for them on the Enemy's Return. I don't understand that any Part of their Troops is landed on this side of Elk.

By a Gentleman a Day or two ago from Elk I am told J. Hollingsworth got wounded in the Jaw by a stragling Party of the Enemy the man who fired on him he ran his sword into and made Prisoner but was soon obliged to ride off and quit him.

I shall be with Hemsley next Monday in Queen Ann's to attend a meeting but shall return here the next Day