

[Rt. F. Hooe, Alex<sup>a</sup>, to Gov. Lee.]June 14  
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I had the Honor of receiving Your Excellency's Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> last night. The report of the Arrival of a french fleet, and Your hopes of confirming it soon, gives us high spirits here—and I beg that you will be pleased to be assured that, I hold myself under the greatest obligation for the interesting news you have been so kind as to Communicate from time to time. I shall continue as I ever have done, to take a Pleasure in giving you every information in my power of the movements, and Transactions, of the Southern Armies, There being various reports about the Vessells in our River, & having had certain intelligence Yesterday that a ship was standing up the River, & would be up as high as this Town, this Morn<sup>g</sup> if she was bound here, & being by some called a flag Ship, & by others said to be a fore runner from the Enemy's fleet. I thought it prudent to detain Your Excellency's express rider 'till I could give you a certain Account of that Vessell. She is most certainly a Flagg Ship & by information from our County Lieut. may be expected here in a few hours. The other Vessells below are nothing more than some Craft getting off & bringing up a new Brig. Col<sup>o</sup>. Tupper from the Marquis's Camp on Sunday last tells us that, the Enemy was by their latest intelligence, at the Point of Forks on James River—supposed to be ab<sup>t</sup> 5000 Strong, including horsemen—they have now ab<sup>t</sup> 1000 horse—at Present it is supposed their first object is our stores, some of w<sup>ch</sup> they destroyed at Charlotte-Ville, that their next view was to intercept the Prisoners under Washington, March<sup>g</sup> from South Carolina. That 96 and another small Part was still in Possession of the Enemy, but invested by our Army. That the Marquis had began his March towards the Enemy that his front was within 25 Miles of the Enemy's rear that he had sent off his Baggage, that he had a respectable body of Militia, that every movement indicated an attack on the part of the Marquis the moment he gets up with Cornwallis. Baron Stueben with the stores was going up James River in Boats—the light horse had given him some fires, but all was safe in that quarter when they heard last. Gen<sup>l</sup> Green, Col<sup>o</sup> Tupper seems to think is Strong. Morgan has unlimited Powers to raise a Thousand Volunteer horse & foot. Blank Commissions has been sent him by the Assembly to fill up at discretion—he succeeds very well it is said. He has killed some of the Tories in Hampshire disarmed others & quieted the late insurrection. Our Militia turn out cheerfully but we want Musquets & horse accoutrements. I cannot hear of a Man that has Joined the Enemy from this State—they have made Prisoners of several—the negros do not run to them in such numbers as was fear'd but they take many that are valuable against their inclination

[Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

Your Excellency will receive enclosed a Resolve of Congress of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant, among other Matters, earnestly recommending to

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