

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

February 22  
at night

Inclosed is Extract of L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Howards Letter to me which he seems to have wrote in a hurry and is not so particular as I could wish but it serves to inform us where the armies are. Guilford Court-house is about 50 Miles from Hilsborough on the road to Salsbury. Col<sup>o</sup> Howard has also wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Lux perhaps more particular but as I am just got to Town have not seen that letter if it contains anything material shall do myself the honor to communicate it to your Excellency p first oppertunity

Guilford Court House Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1781

Lord Cornwallis has followed us close as far as this place (200 Miles) where we joined Gen<sup>l</sup> Greenes Army. His Lordship has been disappointed in one object which was the recovery of the Prisoners who are now safe in Virginia. He has crossed the Yadkin. I wish we were stronger than we are. A number of the Militia turns out but they cant be depended on as they come and go when they please Marian has penetrated South Carolina as far as Dorchester within 20 Miles of Charles Town and taken some Prisoners and destroyed a great many stores. I still retain my command in the Light Infantry which Corps has been reinforced with L<sup>t</sup> Col. Lee's Legion and about 80 Riflemen. Col<sup>o</sup> Williams commands it during the illness of Gen<sup>l</sup> Morgan

[Nath'l Ramsey, Annapolis to the Council.]

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Since my arrival at this place I learn that by the resignation of M<sup>r</sup> Pecca, [Paca] it is become necessary to appoint some other person to act as a commissioner for the confiscated estates. It is with the greatest deffidence that I presume to offer my service in an office of so much impotence, and can only say, that should I be honored with the appointment, I will make it my study to deserve it.

I am at present in a particular manner induced to make this application inasmuch as some two officers of my rank must now retire, and from the best information I can get, none of the Gentlemen who Command Regiments wish to quit the Service This alone has induced me voluntarily to offer myself as one of the Supernumeries, as I will thereby in all probability, leave in the service a better officer. And being entirely disengaged from every kind of business, I will have it in my power to devote the whole of my time to the duties of the office which I now solicit

[John Smith Brookes to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Governor & Council]

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I wrote you a few days agoe by M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Williams, representing the necessity I was under for a supply of Money; some which I have been honoured with your commands of the 20<sup>th</sup> wherein you order