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being in a weak and sick State he was excused from departing the City of Amapoli on his parole which he willingly gives and hereby promises on his word of Honour that in Case he falls into the Enemies Hands he will use the utmost of his Endeavours to return and surrender himself up to the Governour and Council and in all Events that he will not convey any Intelligence in any way or manner to the Enemy In Witness whereof he has hereunto set his Hand this 20th Day of August 1771.

Witness My Hand

Robert Smith

Thursday 21 August 1771.

As on Monday

The British Fleet having this morning passed Amapoli and consisting of upwards of two hundred and sixty sail as said to have been counted by some and as estimated generally. The Governour proposed to the Council as a Question for their opinion whether the small number of Militia already in Town should be kept thus called in and preparation made with view to defend this place or the Town and Ports evacuated and the Guns and Stores endeavoured to be removed and secured. The Governour and Council were unanimously of opinion that Amapoli cannot be defended by any force which may probably be collected against the place the Enemy may at any time bring against it and that therefore the Town and Ports ought to be evacuated and the guns and Stores removed and secured - Major Bulford was consulted on this Question whilst the same was under consideration and was of the same opinion as the Governour and Council.

Monday 23 August 1771.

As on Thursday.

Commissions issued James Walker appointed Captain; Horatio Johnson first Lieut. Sam^l Rowood second Lieut. and Geo. Brown Ensign of a company in the Twenty second Battalion of Militia in Arm Arundel County -