

a mail, I enclosed it last night to Mr Sewall, and request that
(if it can be done) to obtain and forward as speedily as possible, such a
deposition as is required, the letter was enclosed to him that he might
distinctly understand what would answer.

I enclose you a copy of a letter which I have written to the
Lieut Governor in reply to his, by which you will perceive that I have
assumed the responsibility of questioning the soundness and practicability
of their construction of the Act of Congress, and of sustaining the propriety
of the demand upon the documents furnished, requesting however you
could but do in their decision — which I hope will meet your appro-
bation.

Major Kearny remains in Richmond, and I have written
to him to continue there until he hears further from this department.

I have sent to the keeper of the Penitentiary Parsons for
all the convicts which you mention in your letter having granted, except
Moses Smiths. His papers were received during the late meeting of
the Council, we did not enter upon the book nor any pardon made
out, and as you did not return them to me, have not been able to make
out his pardon, nor can Colosa until I get them — Please let me
have them as speedily as possible, with the Military Commissions sent
for your signature.

Agreeably to your request I assigned the reasons which
induced you to decline granting pardons to the other persons recommended
by the Director, and also pointed out the provision of the Law relative
to the sale of slaves.

I have written to Mr Hall the attorney General
agreeably to your directions.

Mr Tuttle agrees to repair and clean the arms for the
price you name. He mentioned to me that he should not be
able to fit them all with bayonets unless he could obtain some from
Easton, when he informed me that he understood there is a considerable
number, and he requested me to suggest to you the propriety of having
as many as can be spared from there sent here.

Upon an examination of the old Carpet taken out of
this room I find it so extremely rotten and indifferent, that I request
Messrs Allen and Manship not to put it down in the Committee
rooms until you can be heard from. It is really not worth
putting down.

I have the honor to remain,
with much respect, your Obedient
Servant

His Excellency
Gov. Stevens

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P.S. I have not seen I begin since the receipt
of your letter (having been quite unwell and partly
confined) but will take care to have him informed
of your wish.