

safety. We can give no direction respecting Colonel Skaghter's application for gunpowder, till a majority of ~~persons~~ the members now in the Province and of the western three branches of the Council of Safety are convened, tho' it is ~~our~~ ^{our} opinion that we have not powder to spare.

(And are) &c.

To Committee of Correspondence

for Frederick County.

In Council of Safety Annam. 6th March 1776.

To all persons whom it shall or may concern, We request you to permit the bearer hereof Mr. Alexander Rof to pass unmolested to the Council of Safety of Virginia, he having made affidavit that his journey to Virginia is on account of private business and with no other Design; and that he will not directly or indirectly communicate any intelligence whatsoever on public affairs to any person suspicious, traitorous, or

gent:

In consequence of a letter from two of our Delegates (a copy of which we send you inclosed) we have given Mr. Alexander Rof a permit to pass to your Board and as his business is to be settled in your colony we leave the propriety of granting him a further passport to your determination.

Annapolis Mar 8th 1776

We are with great Respect,

In the Halls.

Gent^l

The Council of Safety of Va.

Letter inclosed.

Philadelphia 25th February 1776

Gent.

Mr. Alexander Rof a gentleman of our acquaintance has applied to us to procure for him from Congress a passport to Lord Dunmore, upon whom he says he has a very considerable claim, which he hopes he should be able to secure, could he have an opportunity of making a personal demand. From the multiplicity of Business now before the Congress an application of this kind would be attended with great delay and as a license from your honorable board will be at least as effectual, we take the liberty of recommending him to your indulgence, being well persuaded he will religiously observe any injunctions you may think proper to lay him under.

We are gentlemen

Your most obed^t Serv^t

signed by the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gent:

The name of war of what particular size we know not and two sloot ~~and~~ ^{and} schooners indeed are now, we are certainly informed, up as high as North River. We are not certain that they may put into this river, they have in tow a provision vessel they seized on the Bay. If there be any vessels landed in your river we would have you fall with the best plan expedient you can to secure them. Apprise Capt. Nicholson with the Commanding officer of the Ship, Deane of the Intelligence directly. You will acquaint us as soon as you can with any measures you may think necessary for your defence that may be in our power and we will forward them with all expedition.

We are Gent