

Sir,

As it will be some time before we can have our new emblems struck and ready for circulation, and drafts coming in pretty quick upon which we find it necessary to call for some of the unsigned bills of credit now in your hands. We desire therefore you will send by Mr Charles Wallace the sum of six thousand pounds of them as mentioned in the order to him of this date.

In Council of Safety

We are &c.

Annapolis March 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

To William Hume Esq  
Treasurer of the E Shore.

Annapolis March 19<sup>th</sup> 1776

Genl.

In answer to your favour of the 15<sup>th</sup>, we have directed Colo Beall to deliver to your order ten barrels of gunpowder. We shall do every thing in our power to promote the general welfare and for that purpose are now increasing our marine. We are with great regard

Genl Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

To George Mason & John Detton Esq - Virginia.

In Council of Safety March 19<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Genl.

We have your favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month and as we are convinced of the expediency of constructing the beacons in the manner you propose on the points of the river Potomack, we shall readily join you in any expense that may attend the creating them and have appointed the Honble Genl Peter Esq and Brigadier John Dent to sit with the gentlemen nominated by you for the carrying that measure into execution. We shall acquaint them of their appointment and we are persuaded they will attend for that purpose many notices your Commis<sup>ns</sup> will be pleased to give them. We have heard little of the Otter and her Indians since their leaving this river except that they pillaged a small island on our Eastern Shore. We are not without expectation of another visit for them and shall be extremely obliged for any intelligence you may be pleased to communicate to us of their movements.

We are &c.

The Honble The Committee of Safety  
of Virginia.

P.S. We have just received a letter from Geo Mason and John Detton Esq requesting the loan of ten barrels of powder which we have supplied them with for the use of your army.

In consequence of the inclosed letter from the Committee of Safety of Virg<sup>a</sup> desiring us to appoint Commis<sup>ns</sup> to cooperate with the gentlemen nominated by them for erecting beacons on the shores of the river Potomack, we have taken the liberty to appoint yourself and Brigadier Genl Dent and we hope it may be agreeable to you to attend at any meeting their Commis<sup>ns</sup> may desire for carrying that necessary measure into execution.

We are &c.

In Council of Safety, Annapolis March 19<sup>th</sup> 1776.

To the Honble, Genl Peter Esq of St. Marys County -

Serve to  
Brigadier John Dent