

have troubled you at all but sent the Major immediately down to take the command - upon his return and understanding that the enemy were landing at St. Georges Island and that Cannon would be necessary to repel them; hearing also that some of the Fleet were preparing to move up the river; we come to the resolution of sending Major Price down to St. Georges, expecting you might be usefully employed higher up the River, and occasionally with the flying camp; - these were the motives for sending Major Price, and not any intention of giving you offence. - We tell you candidly that we have no reason to believe that you were not equal to the task, or that you were deficient either in military knowledge, assiduity, or personal courage; and that we are surprised you should entertain any such idea. We never had any insinuation to your prejudice; therefore there could be no foundation for appointing any hearing. - We thought it would be of advantage to the publick cause to send down Major Price, the service was likewise to be extensive and a Commander wanted in more places than one. We know you must be called off soon to the flying camp, and accordingly wrote you the 2^d enclosing your Comm^{rs} and requesting to see you. - We now repeat that request, and are convinced that we are able by personal conference to satisfy you that we intended no affront or indignity to you, unless you think the Convention have acted improperly in adjusting the Ranks between the Regulars and the Militia. We wish to stand fair with yourself and all other worthy men, and whatever you may determine upon, be assured that we had nothing to alledge ag^t your conduct, and that we were actuated by no other views than those of service to the publick, and taking effectual measures to repel the Common Enemy.

To Brigadier General Tent. We are yr^{ts} most obed^t serv^{ts}
Gentlemen. We have rec^d your separate favors of the 1st Inst^t by Capt^t Smyth, and transmit by him for the Comm^{rs} the sum of 500^l, for the purchase of Blankets & arms, the Continental money which Mr. Kinggold has, we would have sent to us by the first safe conveyance, we should be fond of permitting Capt^t Smyth to go beyond 4.10.0. for extraordinary guns was it not that we are apprehensive of dangerous consequences from such license, as soon as a price is offered for any thing above what is customarily given there is no purchasing at the price which was before usually allowed, tho' the particular article bought in reality was worth considerably more, and therefore we cannot accede to his request; but hope as the number of arms which are wanting are very few that they may be collected so we more than 4.10.0. by the time other necessaries can be procured for them