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Mr. George Wether

Sir The Proposal you and Company have on the stocks the
Council of Safety are now desirous of purchasing, provided they can
have them on reasonable Terms. - let us know therefore whether
your Company will sell, and what Price they ask - we expect
your answer as soon as possible, when Mr. Shepard an agent
will attend to complete the contract and give directions.

1st Aug: 1776

We are &c

Brig: Gen: Cooper.

Sir Since our last we have had advice from Major Price
our commanding officer in Saint-Marys, that the British
fleet lay near the mouth of Smith's creek in Potomack,
that they were very weak in Land forces not exceeding 300
men, that they were so feebly that 50 dead bodies
had appeared on the shores, chiefly negroes, and that having
gone up the River Potomack to take in water if returned,
he imagined they would soon sail from that Quarter.

Their Forces appear so inconsiderable and
contemptible to him, that he has dismissed all the militia,
and keeps only two independent Companies to oppose

them!