

W. Alexander must settle that matter with the Committee. I am sensible this manner of proceeding is not quite regular, but it would be a great loss of time to call together the Council of Safety, & if we should agree separately to what we should agree if collected together the difference is not material: at this critical juncture, and as the exigency seems pressing we must not stand too much in form.

I am Sir yr most humbl servt

Ch. Carroll of Carrolltown.

Letters inclosed

Redstone Fort Byrd 2^d Sept^r 1775.

D^r Sir

The bearer Joseph Woodfin will wait on you, requesting you'll do the utmost of your endeavours with the Committee at Frederick Town to procure him as much ammunition as the money he brings will purchase, as our present situation is well known to the gentlemen of your Committee, I hope they will not be against supporting a defenceless people who does not know the how they may be struck by the savages the Indians, the scarcity of money in our country at present prevents our sending for a greater quantity which if you'd please to send Ten pounds worth more I will see the money paid in two months from this time, I myself being a member of the Committee at Pittsburgh obtained a permit from that Committee to send for ammunition, but by accident has lost it or I would have sent it down to you, But you may be assured that I have not sent without the consent of that Committee. please to write me what quantity you deliver to M^r Woodfin & likewise the price for the same, I have nothing particular to communicate to you but the fears of the people, by reason of information to our inhabitants that the Canadians & Indians intends to strike us, but if we can get powder & lead it will spirit the people much more than they are at present.

I am D^r Sir Your Very Athl^l Serv^t
Thomas Brown.

To Capt. George Stricker

Frederick Town Sept. 8th 1775.

Servt.

The inclosed is a letter which I received from M^r Thomas Brown by express, on the arrival of the express at this place, I prevailed on the Committee of Correspondence to meet and take the matter into consideration who gave it as their opinion that they could not meddle with the Powder without your approbation, I have with the advice of the Committee dispatched the express to you, and hope that you will think as I do, that it is essentially necessary to supply them with some small quantity, M^r Brown is a man that I am personally acquainted with and who I know to be a gentleman of veracity -