

very anxious for viz^t that you will please to countenance my Brother in law
Mr Burgef. he is come over at an unlucky time for himself as to what he pri-
-marily intended, but as he is remarkably ingenious, and well versed in draw-
-ing, and in military matters he may be a very useful hand at this time, should
there occur any thing in which he could be employed I'm confident his conduct
would give satisfaction, so far as Capt. Robinson. and as to the gentlemen in ques-
-tion Mr Burgef. I have seen him. he is a sensible clever middle aged man
from Ireland brought his wife & children and is now at Hagers Town his inten-
-tion was for Fort Charles on the Illinois in the view of a grant there where
he has friends. I believe he is both a sea and land officer. perhaps of the maines
he appears to me to be a man of great spirit & understanding and if he was to engage
in the American service, would be of use. Capt. Stull or some of the officers
there might sound him. but I would rather wish that the Honorable Council
themselves were to examine him, I incloses a letter to him which may be forwar-
-ded or not. as you Judge proper. Last night about 8 o'clock came here a drum-
-mer engaged by Col. Muddock for Capt. Sims Company on foot. he had a letter
for Col. Sims and being resolute to proceed. I sent a servant & horses with him
to Col. Sims. The man informed me that one of the minute officers from Alexan-
-dria had wrote to his wife that Lord Dunmore was on his way up to Alexandria
and would be up as soon as the river permitted. therefore desired her to remove. that 30
waggons were constantly employed at Alex^a removing their effects & Col. Sims
wrote me late last night that John Muddock from George Town wrote him
by the drummer that Dunmore was above or about St Marys in his way up to
Patomack and that they were there preparing to receive him. but whether the,
there related to George Town or St Marys I cannot tell. possibly George Town
this Intelligence I thought it my duty to communicate.

When I was at Annapolis in December I received an order from the committee
of secrecy to keep what Powder & lead I had for their use & they took an obligation
from me so to do till they ordered a persons to view it when I was to have an order
for my money. The Convention ordered Col. Sims for that purpose who sent
here Messrs Crawford & Lee. they saw it took samples. sent them to Annapolis
were proved & found good. since then the same gentlemen came here upon some
disturbance on Patomack and desired in the name of the Committee of obser-
-vation that for safety it might be removed under their inspection to Marlboro
accordingly the next day I examined and weighed it all. had it put into good
tight barrels well cased. carefully packed with hay in trunks well
corded & sent to Marlboro according to the gentlemen's directions. there the whole
lies ready for removal. and I desire to be paid. for which reason I send the nec-
-essary papers & authority. I have an immediate occasion for the money. or
I should not just now have sent. I apprehend the trunks and cording are
absolutely necessary for the safe keeping & transportation, - but if thought other-
-wise I will very readily keep them. I have been very exact and careful in
this Business which I hope the Honorable Council will approve of. —