

for good Bills - please sell Willy - I enclose the Papers I am with sincere  
respect your faithful & obedt servant.  
Stephen West.

To the Honble Danl of St Tho<sup>s</sup> Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup>

Gent. You have inclosed two resolutions of Congress one affecting the  
Collection of Gold & Silver for the pay of the troops in Canada, the other on  
the case of M<sup>r</sup> Luge, referred to congress by the convention of your province  
In consequence of the resolve of the Convention, we made application to  
congress to grant permission to consume the Tea imported before the first of  
Feb<sup>y</sup> last, the application was referred to a committee of the whole house  
where the subject was debated for two days & overruled by a majority 7 Colonies  
to 5 the last N. York. Jersey. Pennsylvania Delaware & Maryland, and a  
report made by the Chairman, that it was inexpedient to alter the associa-  
-tion, this Report now lies on the table - the Loss of Genl. Montgomery  
with the particulars of his unfortunate attack in Quebec, you will have  
heard measures are now taken by congress, which I trust will reduce Carl-  
-ton & his few troops before the end of February had one third of the  
succour been sent Montgomery, in all human probability, the life of that  
brave & gallant officer had been saved & Quebec long ere this in our posses-  
-sion - the Instructions of the Convention are come to hand, but not as  
yet laid before congress, I am much pleased with them, they intirely coin-  
-cide with any Judgment & that line of conduct which I had determined  
to persue - the former and some others to whom in confidence they were  
shewn, say they breathe that spirit, which ought to govern all public  
bodies - Firmness tempered with moderation.

I am Gent. with respect, y<sup>r</sup> Able Servant.

Phil.<sup>a</sup> 30 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1776.

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Alexander

To the Honble The Council of Safety.

Windsorborough Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir. Had I known on Sunday evening when I received it, that the inclosed  
Comm<sup>n</sup><sup>ts</sup> was intended for the upper Battalion in this county I should have  
then returned it - I was nominated by the officers of the companies of w<sup>h</sup> the  
lower Battalion is composed, as a field officer of that Battalion & as the  
Gentlemen thought me unworthy of a Comm<sup>n</sup><sup>ts</sup> there, I beg leave to return  
the one they sent me - I never aspired after a Comm<sup>n</sup><sup>ts</sup> any where, but as the  
gentlemen officers afo<sup>r</sup> thought proper to mention me in their return, I  
should have done all in my power to render them satisfaction had I been  
appointed - I hope my refusal to act under this Commission may not  
be construed into any disrespect shewn to you & those under your command  
as I can assure you nothing of the sort is intended. I am respectfully  
Your hum<sup>l</sup> servant.

Geo. Lee

To Col<sup>l</sup> Joshua Beall.