

have got what good some of them could into my hands as a great quantity
and to have carried them home. For procuring the Ensigns are not
sufficiently supplied to return upon at present, I thought about 2000.
stand would be better to us than almost any sum of money.

I am indeed sorry that the Ensigns did not correspond with you
on the subject of their resolutions relative to our militia and have had
my feelings on the occasion. I know you had no authority to order the
militia of Maryland to Pennsylvania or the Jerseys, and would
expect your permission only, which I thought you gave when you ordered
me to have the militia got in readiness to march on further orders.
that not a moment's time might be lost. I have with the best intentions
acted myself and urged others to do what I thought best and shall be
happy in contributing in any degree to save the Country from the
devastations which would most certainly without extraordinary exer-
tions have soon extended much further than the Jerseys. I may pro-
bably continue here until the latter part of the week. We have nothing
of any great consequence. It is confidently reported that upwards of 30
Baggage Waggons fell the other day into our hands, and that the baggage
of 60 or 70 other waggons was in such a situation that we should probably
get it.

I am, Gent., with very great Respect.

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Th. JOHNSON Genl.

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland

Gent. In obedience to a letter sent this Committee from the last
Convention, of certain persons in this County, having taken property from
some of the inhabitants of Forcaster County, I on information being made to
us, we summoned a certain Richard Andrew before us, who we find to
have been the principal person in the outrage. Therefore have thought it
our duty to enclose you the depositions made on oath against him by Joshua
Trillis and John Coleman. That you may take order therein as to you
shall seem meet.

Signed by order of the Committee of Caroline County.

January 20th 1777.

Benson Strinton Chairm.

The deposition of Joshua Trillis of Caroline County. Doth depose and
say that on or about the 20th of October last, James Murray negro boy
came to this deponents, and told him, his mistress desired him to come
there, that he went and when he came, there was Richard Andrew
with many others in a house of the said Murray, a taking salt. Mr
Murray desired Trillis to plead with Andrew to leave her some salt, for they
had scarcity in family, which he did, the salt which he saw that they
left, was about two Bushels or under. Said Andrew told him that there
was more in the smoke house. After they had taken the salt, said An-
(Andrew)