

N^o 81. To Doctor Graham Member of Council (College)

Gent^l. We hope to have a Powder-Mill erected early this Spring, and as we must depend on our Works for a Supply of Salt-Petre, are anxious to know how much we have already in the Province, and what it may reasonably be presumed we may expect to be provided with by the Middle or last of April, and therefore request you to immediately inform us of the Quantity of crude Nitro you have made, and what you can supply of Week. We have great Dependance on your Works from your Abilities, and Assiduity, and the Sum of Money furnished you by the former Council of Safety to carry it on extensively.

We are &c

24th March 1776.

N^o 82. To the Committees of Observation of the several Counties (respectively)

Gent^l. The great Difficulty we find in providing Blankets for the regular Forces raised for the Defence of this Province, obliges us to apply to the Committees of Observation for the several Counties earnestly
(requesting)