

c. s. c. Powder now at this place, as the sole disposal of it rests with you and from the peculiar circumstances of the people in general over the mountains) we have advised the express to wait on you and to make you acquainted with the true circumstances of the people as nearly as he can, we incline to think that they stand much in need of ammunition and that it will be but right to spare them part of what we have if you should think the vouchers he carries are not sufficient to justify you in granting him an order, you will be pleased to inform him how he ought to prepare himself, & he will return to the Committee at Redstone, and wait on you again. We have about 4000 lbs of Powder in the magazine, over which there has been a constant guard ever since the sitting of the convention in May last, our people in this town seem a good deal worried with constant attendance, we shall be glad to be informed what you would have done with it.

We are gentⁿ yr^s &c
 John Adlum
 P. Thomas
 R. Johnson.

Original.

[Paca to Carroll of Carrollton.]

Sir. The Bearer will deliver you some letters for the Council of Safety. The people on Redstone are alarmed and want powder. The Committee of Frederick are of opinion they ought to have some spared them out of our Stock. I think we might let them have two hundred weight. But how shall we do it without acting in council. If you are of opinion with me to spare the above quantity suppose the Bearer goes up to Baltimore and calls upon Mr Carrol & Alexander and obtain their consent. You and I could sign an order to enclose it to them to sign.

I go to Philad. this afternoon.
 To M^r C. Carroll.

Y^s W. Paca.

Original.

[Coft to Paca.]

Sir, I am of y^r opinion that 2 hundred weight of powder ought to be spared to the people on Redstone. Write the order, & I will sign it & direct the bearer to return to Frederick by way of Balt. Town please to tell him to call on me with the order.

I am y^r most hum. Ser^t C. Coft
 I wish you a pleasant journey & y^r health.
 To W^m Paca Esq^r