

[Lafayette, M<sup>r</sup> Savages house 13 Miles from New Kent Court house, to Gov. Lee]

June 25  
Brown Book  
No. 7  
Letter 66

Yesterday morning the enemy renewed their march from Kent Court house to Williamsburg. This morning a light corps, that was in advance, and the Pennsylvania line moved after them. Lord Cornwallis has not, as yet, explained himself clearly enough, for one to determine upon his immediate objects. I would suppose however, that a post at Williamsburg, and a small one, perhaps, at York, may be intended. Heretofore his cavalry have covered his manœuvres, and rendered him almost impenetrable.

I have been for some time past flattered with accounts of an approaching succour in cavalry from your State, but their not joining me, makes me fear lest they should be prevented by some obstacle that had not been foreseen. If it is to be removed by the Executive, I pray your Excellency to give such orders for this purpose as may effect it with as much expedition as possible. Where an Army consists chiefly in Militia, a large and good cavalry is of the last importance. It is our misfortune that ours is chiefly in militia, and that the enemy's cavalry renders every effort of ours that may produce an equality, a primary object. With an Army of this description, and without cavalry to oppose to the enemies, you can easily conceive his advantages. But notwithstanding, these his Lordship has the credit of having moved with great caution.

[Geo. P. Keepports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

June 25  
Red Book  
No. 30  
Letter 90

May It Please Your Excellency I Received in the Course of Last Week Eighteen Peices of Cannon (From Mount Etna Furnace) Said to be Four Pounders but are not all of a Bore some of them will Carry a Six pound Shot, The Guns are Very Fine To Judge from Appearance I think them Equal to any Ever Cast on the Continent But are By no means Proportioned or Proper for Field Peices as they are much too short & Heavy. They are only of the Common Length for Ship Guns, as I was not Informed wether Those are the Guns Intended for the Travelling Carriages I was Ordered to have made. Your Excell<sup>y</sup> will Please to Inform me wether Those are the Guns Intended for Field Peices and wether the Whole or What Part is to be mounted on Proper Travelling Carriages.

There is 4 Three pounders (which would Answer for Field Peices much Better) Offered in Exchange for 4 of Those Guns.

Two Ammunition Wagons will be Done this week and the Other 4 are in hand, The Carriages and Wagons Require a Considerable Quantity of Iron & the black Smiths would Take Barr Iron at the market Price in part Paym<sup>t</sup> for their Work. If suitable your Excellency will Please to order 5 or six Ton Imediately for this Purpose

Length of Peices from the Muzzle to the Base Ring. 4.9 In<sup>s</sup>. Diamiter at Base Ring 13½ In<sup>s</sup>. Weigh 10..1..14<sup>lb</sup>.