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In Committee of Safety Virg.a Jan 27. 1776

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As we are so closely connected by Inclination as well as Interest and our Situation strongly points out the propriety of attending to the Operations which may be Necessary for our Mutual defence, We are desirous of establishing & keeping up a Constant intimate Correspondence with you. We think it proper to inform you that we have resolved to build for the protection of Patowmack River two row-Galleys, one of them to Carry one 24 pounder & the other a twelve pounder & both Swivels also three Vessels carrying one of them four Six pounders & some four pounders the other two Vessels four pounders & Swivels; We do not conceive this adequate to the importance of that great river, but as we have ~~four~~ three other Rivers to which we must extend the like Care, and as your province is equally interested in the Safety of Patomack River we could not doubt but it would be the wish of your Body to participate in its protection — Our determination on this head is yet subject to alteration and we shall chearfully consult & advise with you on this or any other Subject conducive to the Interest of Both & to our mutual defence.

We are with great respect

Yr. mo. Ob. Sts.

John Page V. P.

John Tabb. Dudley Diggs

Thos. Walker P. Lawington

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