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Your Excellency & Honours /

Caroline County Decr 4th 1776

I received your letter of the 26th of Octob^r wherein you in informed me of the intention of the refugees at New York and likewise recommended me to place things on the best footing in case we should be wanting to March, I would inform you that we have no lead nor Bullet moulds, the lead that was ordered to be sent from Nottingham Town for this County never was sent, therefore if we should have an Occasion to March I should be glad to know where I can be supplyd with lead

I would likewise inform you that there is several of our men Months men that were sent to [illegible] ~~Bad~~ have deserted and are rambling about in this County, and the adjoining County. I should be glad to know what you would have me do with them, if any your

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