Hanford County Oct 5th 1779

Sir

Mr Jacob Giles Who is just returned from Philadelphia informs me he is appointed Cols Commy of Purchases in this County provided I did not act. ~~I do not Collect~~ and as he may by this Opportunity apply for a Commission to begin his purchase I det upon Reflecting more that I have declined serving in the Commy Post I have informed Colo Blair accordingly this resolution I have long taken & it was not unknown to Colo Blair for some time past this Appointment I am satisfied will not discommode my Conduct but otherwise.

I recd a letter a few days ago from Pres. Caswell of N Carolina dated 19th Sept which contains the following Intelligence

viz. We have accounts from the Southward of the arrival of on the coast of Georgia of Count D Estaings Fleet of 25 Sail of the line 2 Frigates & 2 Sloops & of his landing a number of troops in S Carolina & taking 900 Prisoners at a place called Beaufort or Port Royal Island with all their Stores & Baggage after an engagement of 3 hours & 15 minutes tis also said the Count has taken many of the