Nottingham September 14th 1777

My Dear Sir

I am just now setting out for Philad.a to join Genl Washington's Army — as yet no Field pieces nor Cartridges come up, which will oblige me to make my Route much longer to effect a junction, Gist with the East.n Shore Militia Richardsons Regt. amounting to 700 now at Christina have ordered on for the same purpose, shall submit to your Consideration, whether the Troops which you may hereafter detatch to join me had not better cross the Susquehannah higher up and take the Road of Lancaster if the Route should be left to the discretion of an Officer he ought at least to be a Person in whom most confidence could be reposed — Blankets and thicker Cloathing are much wanting in the Militia here, and as I imagine they will be furnished by the Public shall endeavor to transmit Returns from the Commandants of Detatchments of such as can be procured of their own out of their Respective Families which may be forwarded by some Detatchment of the Militia — have inclosed an Account of the Action printed by order of Congress — I am with much Regard

Your Excellency's

Most Obed.t Servt W.m Smallwood

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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Dear Sir

I shall proceed with General Smallwood till he joins the main army and shall then either go to Congress or return home: I am well and desire you will inform my father thereof by the first opportunity. I am &c

Ch. Carroll of Carrollton

His Excellency Governor Johnson