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to whose perseverance, zeal, and Work I am indebted for the discovery of this plot in which (on account of the gale that blew a little while after he got into the Barge) his life has been very much endangered

I had yesterday the pleasure of seeing Col. Smith's Regiment of Militia, and am happy in an opportunity to express to Your Excellency how satisfied I have been with their Excellent Appearance — this and other preparations of defence made by this Town do her citizens great Honor — I am under the greatest obligations to Captain Moore and the Gentlemen of his corps who most obligingly have exerted themselves in the procuring of our supplies —

I cannot finish this letter before I do once more express to Your Excellency the concern I feel for the inconveniences which our passing through this State brings upon its inhabitants — Nothing makes me more unhappy than a necessity to impress private property thereby distressing our dear citizens — but Your Excellency and Council and indeed this whole State seem so much aware of the danger the Southern States are under that upon such lively representations as I have received it became my duty to hasten my march by the common Enemies

With the Highest Respect I have the
Honor to be Your Excellency's Most obedient Humble Servant
Lafayette

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