Col. Fitzhugh
25th Oct. 1781

Dear Governor — Calvert County Oct. 25th 1781 —

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I had the Honor to receive your favor of the 19th Inst., covering several Extracts, for which, be pleas'd to Accept my thanks.

I Cry sincerely Congratulate your Excellency, on the Reduction of York, & Capture of Ld Cornwallis & his Army; An Event, which will cale the Attention, & respect of Europe to America, and Shake the Tiranny of Britain to its Centre — I always Entertain'd a contemptable Opinion of Ld Cornwallis's Military abilities, but gave him Credit for his Activity, in the pursuit of a Vanquish'd or flying Enemy — The Various instances of His Cruelty, raised doubts of His Courage. But from the moment I heard of the Evacuation of His Exterior Works without resistance, I marked Him as a Coward, & look'd forward to His Fate. Indeed His conduct made it Obvious, nor do I believe that History can Furnish such an Instance, of Ignorance, and Cowardice — I will now let His Lordship rest in Disgrace, we are Happily Rid of Him.

Should our Success in the present Campaign compleat the reduction of all the Enemy's Post in the Carolinas, & Georgia, of which I entertain no doubt, Terms of Accomodation I suppose will be Offer'd by Britain, who will wish to Save Quebec, & their other Northern Territories —

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