

Sir

In the pres^t. situation of our County I find
It will be difficult to furnish the militia now ordered
To the Aid of Gen Greene with Arms also from supply
of Provision already drawn out from the inhabitants
for the support of the General Hospital & British prisoners
march'd thro our County. That Article cant be pro-
ceed with out much distressing Individuals.

That under these Circumstances. should you think
an Application to the Governor, with a State of
matters Adviseable, you'll please to forward m^r
Bark. in that way. you think the best.

I am Sir Y^r. H^{ble}. Serv^t
Abraham Penn

To Col^o

Patrick Henry

P.S.

There is at pres^t. about 70 of the militia of this
County. in the service with Gen. Greene

A. P.

Mem^o. not omit Complying with the Govern^{or}
 In reference the Militia in order to march
 That if should be found advisable from the Governor
 to direct 50 horse. instead of the militia now
 ordered & such Orders received in time to Justify
 the Commanding Officer of this County. will
 be agreeable to the Council now sitting which
 is ordered to be Certified

Jⁿ Salmon Clerk

1798.

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John Penn

I would recommend Capt. M^r. Smith for a
 and to appoint him Officer