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Mr. Bradley
Joseph Reed Esquire
Secord and in Council
Philadelphia

Dr. Wm. Lewis

101 August 1846
Wm. H. L. Landon
of York County

York August 8th 1781

Sir

This Day I recd. your Excellency's Letter of the 6th instant and on advising with Colonel Wood concerning the Prisoners, have called an other Class of the Militia, thereby to enable the Guard, the better to prevent Desertion; or to remove the Prisoners, to some other Place in case the Enemy should attempt coming our way, - - - we have also call'd so many of the Light Horse Men of the Militia as will have one Station at every ten or twelve Miles, from the Head of the Bay to this Place; who are to be under the Direction of an Officer that will attend at Dorch Town or some other Place as may be most Proper and be ready to send the earliest intelligence; and as each Dragoon will have to go no farther than a Horse may run in full speed; we shall have Notice of the Enemy's movements, in six or eight Hours from the time of sending off the Expresses. We are glad to hear of being supplied with arms and ammunition as we are in great want of those articles have prevail'd with Maj. or Brook to go Express and have them forwarded immediately

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A few swords and Pistols for Light horse
men would be very acceptable as we have
it not in our power to provide them here
but however it may be we will thankfully
accept of what thing so ever General may
Please to send us - - - - -

I am Sir with due respect

Your Excellency,

Very Obedient

Humble servant

W. Smith

His Excellency
Joseph Reed Esquire

but the whole is under the immediate directing
Supply of the S. L. M. Master -

We have taken great pains to discover
the loss your Officer left here last Year but without
Effect, it seems there must have been great neglect in
the Officer in delivering them without a proper Receipt -
We have directed S. D. Bond to be sent that day in
great Proportion of the Am. on Bond. We have that
there is both Bonds of each at York Town under the
Care of the Treasurer we have sent an Order to deliver
it to you as from the Town of Massachus of the day left
most unequivocally to
it is the Property of his State - We will therefore pay
you Receipt for it -

The Measures taken for the
Security of the Prison seem very judicious but we apprehend
if any Attempts had been meditated it would have been
made at once before there was time for Preparation - so
that it is to be presumed all danger is over for the
present -