

Albemarle County, Virginia, Independent Company to George Washington, April 29, 1775, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM THE INDEPENDENT COMPANY OF ALBEMARLE.

CHARLOTTESVILLE 29 April 1775

SIR/

The County of Albemarle in General & the Gentlemen Volunteers in particular are truly alarmed, & highly incensed with the unjustifiable proceedings of Lord Dunmore, who we are informed has Clandestinely taken possession of our ammunition lodged in the Magazine, we should have attended at Fredericksburgh in order to have proceeded to Williamsburgh to demand a return of the powder, had the Alarm reached us before an account of Security being given for its delivery—however to assure you, & the world of our readiness, & willingness to resent every encroachment of Arbit[r]ary power, we now declare to you, should it be necessary, that the first Company of Independants for Albemarle will attend in Williamsburgh properly equiped (& if not to be obtained otherwise) to enforce an immediate delivery of the powder, or die in the Attempt, with respect we remain ready to obey your commands.

CHAS. LEWIS Capt. GEORGE GILMER Lieutt.¹ JOHN MARKS Lieu 2nd.²

P.S. The Company will stand under arms all day on Tuesday waiting your answer &c

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1 A member of the Albemarle Committee of Safety; married Eliza Anderson. Their son, Thomas Walker Gilmer, was Secretary of the Navy under Tyler.

2 The Marks family of Albemarle was connected with the Martins, Carrs, Lewises, Minors, Wallers, etc.