

Caesar Rodney and Thomas McKean to George Washington, June 29, 1775, Recommendation of John Parke, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM MESSRS. MCKEAN & RODNEY.

PHILADELPHIA June 29th: 1775. —

SIR,

The Bearer hereof Mr; John Parke has taken his degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts in the College in this City, and studied the law under one of us (Mr. Mc;Kean) for almost four years — He is an Ensign in the 2d. Battalion of the Militia here, and is desirous of serving his country as a Volunteer under you. He has frequently drawn his *pen* and is now resolved to draw his *sword* in support of the American cause. We therefore beg leave to recommend him particularly to your countenance and favor, and hope you will distinguish him agreeable to his merit as soon as an opportunity of promotion presents.

We wish you health, success, happiness and every blessing Heaven can bestow, and are;
Sir,

Your most obedient humble servants CÆSAR RODNEY¹ THOS MC:KEAN²

1 Born in Dover, Del., October 7, 1728; died there June 29, 1784.

2 Born in New London, Chester County, Pa., March 19, 1734; died in Philadelphia, June 24, 1817.