

W. G. Spruill  
to G. C. S.

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Asst. Collins to Capt

Dear Sir

I am in rec<sup>d</sup> of your favor of the 10th. You suggest that you can buy a Sft on one of the Banks here, with the money in your possession - that it will be more safe - I will be obliged to you, to purchase the Sft, & enclose it here: Deduct the premium.

I have but little information from our Country - I saw Jo B Griffin, a few days ago - There are contradictory reports about the number of forces, Garrisoning Plymouth - There is, doubtless, a Regiment, there. They have attempted to destroy the bridges, across Witchy Creek, & cut trees, across the fording places at Nicholls Mill, & stuck up the floor of the mill, so as to prevent any passing - Mr Griffin said, that the forces made a sally, out of town, with the intention of going up & attacking Col Martin, they arrested all the men on the Am & Ridge roads (those who had taken the oath) - They marched up the Ridge Road, about 10 miles, to the place where the Creek is fordable, and after a days consultation, marched back to Plymouth carrying their prisoners with them - after they returned - the prisoners were discharged - Mr Griffin says it is quiet there now - They dont permit any goods to be kept in Plymouth - I learn, that there is a brisk trade, going on between Washington & Tubor, & quite an amount of goods have been got thro' the lines. I hear, that young Wm. McKinson, has got possession of my Carriage & Buggy and has a pair of your best mules - and is driving

over the County - He has furnished his House  
with Mr C. S. Pettigrews furniture - I wish him  
that the day of retribution would come, & he might  
prepare himself for it -

Within the last month, there has been about  
500 or 600 (Bacon), brought across the Cherraw  
River, from the North Counties, & the trade is  
going on - The bold course of the Rangers, there,  
has alarmed the Buffaloes, & they are afraid to  
go out - A General, has visited E. City & Edenton.  
At the former place, he had, a Buff. Capt. & Secy.  
arrested & sent to Newbern, for the murder of young  
Abbate, whom they shot, in E. City - He took all  
Command away from the Buffaloes - Called in all  
the Regs, & disarmed them; gave them 3 days to go  
in the Country, & get work on such terms as they chose,  
published a proclamation, urging the people to be  
quiet & attend to their business, that they should not  
be interfered with - stopped the Buffs from ranging  
over the County, & directed information of any pillage  
by Negroes or others, to be given - that the parties  
committing offences should be tried & shot - He  
repudiated these Oaths, & said he had more confidence  
in those who refused to take them - This I have  
from Mr Norfolk - He has gone to Newbern, &  
to effect an exchange of Edw Wood, for Mr Myones.  
Wood was arrested, for no cause that he knew  
of, & has been paroled, until 1 Oct, to effect an  
exchange - I have heard of no further depre-  
dations on your farm - except the mules taken by  
Old Reason.

Very Resy  
J. G. Spruill