Sir. Great Bridge 9th Dec. 1775

The Enemy were reinforced about three O'clock this Morning with (as they tell me) every Soldier of the 14th Reg. at Norfolk, amounting to 200 Commanded by Capt. Leslie, & this Morning after Reveille Beating crossed the Bridge by laying down some Plank, & made an attempt to force our breast Worke, the Prisoners say the whole Number amounted to 500. with Volunteers & Blacks, with two Peices of Cannon but none marched up but his Majesties Soldiers, who behaved like English Men — we have found of their Dead Capt. Fordice & 12 Privates, & have Lieut. Bettet wounded in the Leg & 17 Privates Prisoners, all wounded. they carried their Cannon back under Cover of the Guns of the Fort. & a number of their Dead, I should suppose (to speak within Compass) their Loss must be upwards of 50. some Powder & Cartridges were taken, I sent an Officer to inform them if they would not fire upon our people, they should Collect the Dead & wounded, this they agreed.

to, & there has been no Fireing since. we are now under Arms expecting another Attack, please forward Doct^r. Browns Chest of Medecines & Baggage down. the Convention will be so good to excuse the incorrectness of this Letter wrote in the greatest Hurry — I am, with great Respect

Sir

Your Most Obed^t. Servt

Wm Woodford

N.B. but one Man of ours Wounted in the Hand — the prisoners inform Ld Dunmore has got a Reinforcement of Highlanders — they I expect will be up next ——

the 2 Mates of the 1st Reg^t I shall keep till further orders —— hurry down, a Reinforcement & more Amunition on this Lower part of the Country will be theirs

On the Virginia Service

To

The Honbl. the President of the

Convention at

Wms Burge

R Express.

Col. Woodford
Decemr. 9th. 1775.