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Rawlins Lowndes papers, 1773 July 9 - 1779 Jan. 30

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Author: Lowndes, Rawlins (1721-1800)

Extent: 5 items.

Accession numbers: 0328, 1001, 1756, 3378, 3630

Background:

Colonial member of S.C. General Assembly; President then Governor of S.C.; anti-Federalist attorney and planter of Charleston, S.C.; native of island of St. Kitts (British West Indies); migrated to S.C. with his family in 1730.

Summary:

Correspondence of Lowndes in his official capacity on legislative committees and as President of South Carolina.

Letter, 9 July 1773, Charles Town, S.C., to Peyton Randolph (2 pp.)

Re appointment of committees of correspondence and acknowledging receipt of a list of recommended resolutions by the Virginia House of Burgesses to the S.C. House. Received and conveyed list of recommended resolutions by the Virginia House of Burgesses to the S.C. House, which were approved "unanimously".

Letter, 18 June 1778, Charles Town, S.C., to Capt. John Bowie (2 pp.; with transcription)

Concerns the court-martial of John Martin, who was “found Guilty of quitting his post when a Centinel at 96 Goal, by which means five Prisoners made their Escape”. Lectures Bowie on the seriousness of the crime and warns against future infractions.

Document, 13 July 1778, To the Treasurers (1 p.)

“Pay to John Lewis Gervais, Esq^r to furnish Goods for the Indians”
Endorsed by [J(?)] Saunders.

Manuscript, 18 July 1778, Charles Town, to Benjamin Franklin

Regarding Commodore Gillon’s commission to procure ships of war in Europe for the State of South Carolina.
(Printed in Sparks, Jared, ed. *The Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution...* (Boston, N. Hale and Gray & Bowen; New York, Carvill, 1829-30): Vol. VIII, p. 287.

Letter, 30 Jan. 1779, to [Maj^r] Gen^l [Benjamin] Lincoln (2 pp.)

Relates his shock at the “behaviour of our Militia under General Richardson”. Hopes that the militia law can be amended, but doubtful. Advises of troop departures from Charleston and reported movements by the enemy, and preparations for possible attack on Beaufort, S.C..