

Dear Sir

I am glad that Dr. A. P. D. has gone off - I expect he is some where in the Ohio country - no Virginia - as he is one of the many travellers to the mountains - He must be near Dard in Illinois - It is the Governor's will and mine also that you should a party of the most expert and active and ~~after~~ <sup>after</sup> him - Capt. Higgins will undertake this business if you can - Your resolution and support - you will also assist your Brother with the cavalry, and will then support as you may think necessary to the William Patterson, Williams & Winkley and Robert Stephenson and Henry King's ~~will~~ army - There is John Moore and James Mansfield that ought to be brought forward so they can't be brought now they the matter must be left a least till a better time is made for their characters must be brought forward - and you that are present to government must now deliver yourselves in a posture and you will be satisfied - It is all out of the question to say that the fragments on the numerous now as we determined to leave the present to government's appointment - and they ~~them~~ <sup>there</sup> - and now be before you - = also support back others and we will support you all when their leaders are brought to punishment - their party will fall and your party will take the lead and keep it, you must only a pretty high road with respect to their leading characters and enemies to good government and order - It is my opinion and the opinion of that you ought not to go

to the assembly this before however I must see  
you before you go - when we will determine whether  
you can be dispensed with or not - I don't know  
concerning your prospects of traveling but you ought  
to attack and open after this noon, who is a  
friend to government for if an attempt of this  
kind is made and to fail their men must  
be thankful and this one I think to you are  
all enough you too better than them yourself  
and keep them on to camp we can there  
have a conference -

Camp at Smiths River I have the horses to be  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1794 - Yours Wm Pitt Smith

San Antonio