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Henry, Patrick

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Biographical Information

Patrick Henry (May 29, 1736 - June 6, 1799) was a prominent figure in the American Revolution, known and remembered for his "Give me Liberty, or give me Death!" speech. Along with Samuel Adams and Thomas Paine, he was one of the most influential (and radical) advocates of the American Revolution and republicanism, especially in his denunciations of corruption in government officials and his defense of historic rights.

Scope and Content

Governor Henry's letter concerns the most recent outbreak of fighting and Col. Preston's orders for his militia company to be in readiness. Approves of Col. {Evan} Shelby's plan of defense. Hopes an expedition into Ohio may be possible. Col. {William} Fleming will be directed to cooperate. Col. {James} South all will deliver powder and mine managers will deliver lead for shot, perhaps from Richmond.

Index Terms

Persons:

Fleming, William
Henry, Patrick, 1736-1799
Shelby, Evan, 1719-1794
Southall, James, 1726-1801
Preston, William

Corporate Names:

United States. Army - Ordnance and ordnance stores
Virginia. Militia - History - Revolution, 1775-1783

Subjects:

Ordnance

Geographical Names:

Ohio - History - Revolution - 1775-1783
Richmond (Va.) - History - Revolution - 1775-1783
United States - History - Revolution - 1775-1783 - Campaigns
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