

**William Savage to George Washington, May 25, 1767,
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FROM DR. WILLIAM SAVAGE. ¹

DUMFRIES 25th. May 1767 —

SIR

I was call'd away last Monday upon Business that I neither foresaw, nor could postpone, tho' I had appointed both Col. Lee & Mr Payne to be at Alexandria that day, the latter of whom kept himself in readiness till late in the Evening to accompany me — I am obliged to be at next Essex Court upon very urgent Business which also happens to be your Alexandria Court Week & perhaps the following Court I may be disappointed or it may happen not to be Convent. for the two Gentlemen that I have already proposed for the Counter Security of You, & Col. Fairfax to attend — As I am now really uneasy till I can make you think yourselves perfectly Indemnified I shall propose to you that these 2 gent together with one or more of some Note in this County shall Join in a Conditional Bond for the particular sum that you are already bound for which you may depend shall be properly drawn by some Atty. & witnessed by two, or more People, I shall inform myself of the exact sum by examining the Record — . This will be very Convenient for me to have done next Monday being our Court Day & if you think it suffictly. Satisfactory it will be doing me a particular favor — otherwise I shall endeavour (however Inconvent. to myself or others) to attend next Alexandria Court & have the requisite decree.²

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I am Sir yr. most obedt hble Servt WM. SAVAGE.

1 The emigrant ancestor of the Savage family in Virginia was probably Thomas Savage, who came over in the John and France in 1608. He married Hannah — . Their only son John, who was born in 1624, was a magistrate of the Colony, and a member of the House of Burgesses.

2 MOUNT VERNON 27th. May 2767. SIR The Security, and manner of giving it, propos'd in yours of the 25th. will be perfectly satisfactory to me, if any Inconvenience attends the other method of doing it; but as Colo. Fairfax is equally concernd, and from home, I woud choose to answer for myself only; persuaded nevertheless, that it will be agreeable to him also to give you as little trouble as possible on this head: In the meantime, and in his absence, let me desire that this matter may not interfere with any other business you may have on hand, or give cause for uneasiness: — it affords none to me, & I dare venture to say the same for Colo. Fairfax. — I was in hopes before this to have received money from Mess. Carlyle & Adam, & therewith dischargd my Bond to the late Revd. Mr. Green, — they have hitherto disappointed me — but having Mr. Adam's promise to see you in a few days for this purpose, I hope he will fulfill it in paying the money. — I am Sir Yr. Most Hble Servt G WASHINGTON. Washington's reply to Doctor Savage.