

C. B. The Number of British Prisoners in Frederick and Washington Counties ordered by Congress to be closely confined rendering it absolutely necessary that there should be sufficient Guards over them and the Magazine in or near Frederick Town being of great Consequence to this State ought also to be well guarded and the endeavours of this Board to procure sufficient Guards having failed and the Board of War having requested that a proper Detachment may be ordered from the Militia to guard the Prisoners of War now in Frederick Town, Therefore this Board does order that the Lieutenant of Frederick County call forth one Company of Militia to consist of sixty non Commissioned Officers and Privates with their proper commissioned officers of the first class of the Militia of that county to serve as guard over the Prisoners in Frederick Town and the Magazine which now is or immediately is to be removed to the house lately built for that purpose near Frederick Town. And further that the Lieutenant of Washington County call forth one Company of Fifty non Commissioned officers & Privates with their proper commissioned Officers of the third Class of the Militia of that County for every one hundred and fifty British Prisoners confined in that County to serve as a Guard over those Prisoners The pay and rations of the Militia so employed are to be the same as if they served in the field. The Time of service two months unless sooner discharged And any Time they shall so serve shall be discounted out of the Time and Term they are by Law compellable to serve in Classes.

C. C.

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

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In Council Annapolis 23^d Feb^{ry} 1778.

Sir

We send you, for the Use of the Continental Army, by the Bearer upwards of 600 Bushels of Salt. Receive, measure and pass your Receipt for it. Delay the Boat as little as may be. We desire you'll return the Baggs, if you can possibly do without them, if not, mention them also in your Receipt. One of the Virginia Gallies is on its Way for the Head of Elk, with Salt, but it is likely it will be some Time before she gets up. By a Letter received yesterday from Gen^l Washington, you cannot be too diligent in forwarding Provisions to him and in purchasing. There are yet some Cattle in Worcester County; the Money we advanced was short, and we cannot advance more. Is any Body gone down, on that Business.

Col^o Henry HollingsworthWe are &^{ca}