

[Council to Col. Beatty.]

C. C.
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In Council 23rd Febr^y 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of a Letter from the Board of War dated the 11th Ins^t of the Resolutions of Congress respecting the Prisoners transmitted to us, and an Order of this Board for a Guard. We wish it may be effectual, though from our former Endeavours having failed and the Conversation which passed between the Governor and you on the Subject, we are apprehensive it will not. The Defect of the Militia Law, in this Particular, will be laid before the Assembly, who are alone capable of making a Competent Provision. Some of the Officers who are Prisoners, were desirous of Permission to go to York to obtain the old weekly Allowance and to put Things on such a Footing as to get Cloathing, but you'll see by the Resolutions of Congress, that they have stopped the Allowance and that no such Indulgence is to be permitted. If any of the Gen^t have a Mind to write open Letters to Gen^l Howe for Necessaries, it would be proper to forward them to Gen^l Washington who will doubtless send them in and permit their Friends to relieve them with Cloathing. Be pleased to forward the inclosed Letter to M^r Hughes, by the first Opportunity.

We are &^{ca}

Col^o Beatty.

[Council to D. Hughes.]

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In Council Annapolis 23^d Febr^y 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you will receive a Copy of a Letter from the Board of War, of the Postscript to another, and of the Resolutions of Congress, respecting the Prisoners of War. We also inclose you an Order for a Detachment of the Militia to keep Guard over the Prisoners, though we are doubtful whether it will have the Effect we wish it. The Matter will be laid before the Assembly and we hope the Defect in the Law will be remedied. We shall be glad to know what State Fort Frederick is in, whether Provision is made for the Prisoners and Guard, what Number you are likely to have and what will be wanted. We imagine that the Continental Agents are to lay in all Provisions and hope it is, in great Measure, already done. A Letter from you would be very acceptable. Write also, on all Points to the Commissary General for Prisoners.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Col^o Dan^l Hughes.