

Agent or Commissary to reside in New York if approved by his Excellency Gen^l Washington until a Commissary is appointed by him. We wish you to give him every Assistance in the Conduct of this Business and further Information may be obtained of him.

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[Council to Gen^l Washington]

Ibid.

The Sufferings of our Officers in Captivity have for a long Time claimed our Attention and excited great uneasiness which a Conscientiousness that we are destitute of the Means of alleviating them has much augmented; it has been and still is impracticable for the State to procure a Quantity of Specie adequate to that Purpose which has determined us to avail ourselves of the Propositions contained in the enclosed Paper, if your Excellency should be of opinion it may be done consistent with Propriety, and will afford us your Assistance in facilitating a Communication with New York by way of Flag. Your Excellency will perceive that no State will be allowed to dispose of any of the Monies arising from the Sale of the Articles to be sent before the Debts of the Officers are discharged; this Restriction if adhered to will prevent us from Shipping any Produce, because Vessels cannot be obtained unless the Freight is paid in New York and the owner allowed to invest it in such Goods as are not prohibited to be brought back, and therefore trust your Excellency will endeavour to effect an Alteration of it in such Manner as will most likely attain the objects in View, the Relief of our Officers. If your Excellency has not appointed a Commissary to reside in New York and should now think it proper to consider that Subject, and no Person more deserving that M^r Charles Croxall has presented himself, it will give us great Pleasure to be informed that the Gentleman in whom we have reposed a Confidence is approved of by you, but if Sir you think it right to defer the Appointment, we hope M^r Croxall may obtain your Permission to go into New York and transact this Business for the State. M^r Croxall will wait upon your Excellency and communicate fully every Thing that you may desire to be informed of which relates to his Trust.

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[Council to Mr. Charles Croxall.]

Ibid.

We intend to send a Quantity of Provisions and Lumber to New York to discharge the Debts contracted by the Officers from this State formerly and now Prisoners there and on Long Island and for the Support of the Prisoners we can obtain the Leave of Congress to send the Provisions and Passports from the commanding Officer in New York, should these Events take Place and his Excellency Washington should not have appointed a Commissary to reside in New York; we hereby appoint you to act as such for this State until an Appointment is made by Gen^l Washington to dispose of the Car-