

Saith that he saw Ensign Kerr yesterday about 4 °Clock in the Evening that he thought Ensign Kerr was at that time Unfit for duty which appeared to be occasioned by Liquor December 6

The Court after Mature consideration being of opinion that Ensign Kerr hath been Guilty of Unofficer like behaviour While on his Guard, Do sentence him to be Cashierd. Benjamin Johnson, president

[Jas Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Council.]

As its probable M<sup>r</sup> Reeder com<sup>y</sup> of Provisions for Charles County will want a considerable quantity of Salt this Winter and M<sup>r</sup> Ridgate of that County informs me he has salt to dispose of which he will part with on reasonable terms payable in Tobacco I submit it to your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board to make the purchase as it is not in my power to procure a sufficiency of that article at present for want of the means to pay for it If I had cash could buy French Salt here @ 14/ to 15/ p Bushel & allum Salt at 22/6 which will enable you to Judge of the Proposals M<sup>r</sup> Ridgate intends making you

[David Poe, D. Q. M., Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

December 8

I Recēd your Excellencies favour of the 28<sup>th</sup> of last Month in Respect of the Honourable Charles Carroll's Wood which was Cut down by a Party of Soldiers on their March to the Northward, I am Convinced that they have Cut and Burned some Wood, which I believe belonged to that Gentleman but I cannot say how much has been destroyed. I only can inform you that 600 Men past belonging to the State of New York the Rest to Jersey, was Encamped there about Three Days, the whole was Commanded by Col<sup>o</sup> Cortland Commandant of the 2<sup>d</sup> New York Reig<sup>t</sup> that Gentleman had with him a Brigade Q<sup>r</sup> M. whose duty it is to find a place for the Soldiers to encamp, and Wood if it cannot be Furnished by the Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> of the Post which was the Case here as I had not Money to Purchase unless I would give Two for one—which was forbid by your Excellency—the Matter did not come under my direction as the Brigade Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> had the whole Management of that business. It is customary where ever the Continental Troops Marches to take Wood, asking no Questions to whom it belongs—the Common mode is to get two Reputable Persons to Value the Damages, for which the owner either is paid or Receives a Certificate for the same.

[Tho. How Ridgate, Baltimore to Governor & Council]

December 8

I understand M<sup>r</sup> Reeder the Commissary of Charles County is in want of Salt, I have a quantity of Imported Liverpoole Salt, laying at Portobacco and will furnish him with what he may want at the rate of 200<sup>l</sup> of Crop Tob p Bushell.