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No. 15.

[Council to Steward.]

Sir. There are no Durants in the stores, so that we cannot furnish you with materials for Colours as yet. We send you two Bolts of Oznabrigs. The guns and cohorns on board of the Defence's Prize, you will please bring with you to Annapolis, and we should be very glad you and Jesse Hollingsworth could contrive us down the Cannon lately brought from Hughs's works. Be pleased to hire a vessel for that purpose, unless your own will bring them. there are upwards of 20 eighteen pounders, which will be wanted here. Mr Westeneys has been to the magazine & got 6¼ yards Tammy and two Bolts Oznabrigs.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Steward.

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[Secretary Peters to Council.]

War Office 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

An Exchange of Prisoners having been long agreed upon, but prevented from taking Effect by the General's being constantly employed in counteracting the designs of the Enemy, it is now desired that no longer delay may be used. General Washington writes very pressingly for all prisoners of War to be sent to Fort Lee in New Jersey addressed to the care of Gen<sup>l</sup> Green commanding Officer there. You will therefore be pleased immediately to collect all the British Prisoners in the State of Maryland and have them properly escorted to Fort Lee that an Equal number of our suffering Countrymen may be relieved from Imprisonment and Distress.

By Order of the Board of War.

I have the Honour to be,  
Your very obed<sup>t</sup> Servant,  
Richard Peters Sec<sup>y</sup>

Be so good as to send lists of the Prisoners to the War office with an Acc<sup>t</sup> of all Expenses incurred by your State on the Score of Prisoners. Please to have the officers conveyed seperate from the Privates, and let both take a Route by which their coming thro' Philadelphia may be avoided.

[Vanbibber and Harrison.]

St. Eustatia 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen

I have by different opportunitys lately advised you of the Change and turn that has taken place here by Government in