

[Nicholson to Auchinleck.]

Original.

Mr Authinlick

In absence of Capt. Cook I would recommend to you to consider the necessity of immediately sending off all the Defence's hands that lays in your power. I will assist your officer that you shall think proper to send with them. Please to show this to Mr Purviance and consult him on the occasion that he may send word of to the Council of Safety. I shall make the best of my way to Philadelphia.

I am yours &c.

Ja^s Nicholson

[Pennsylvania Council to Council.]

C. S. C.

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia Dec. 11th 1776.

Sir.

The present situation of this State makes it necessary to remove all the State prisoners from this City, and the Hon^{ble} Board of War has advised us to send part to your care to dispose of them in such safe place of confinement as you may think proper. In consequence of which we have sent you a list of their names you have annexed. they have been very active and dangerous enemies to these States, and it is of great importance that they be prevented from making an escape being apprised of these facts we have no doubt of your care and attention to have them secured.

We are, Sir, Your humble Servts,
By order of Council
Tho. Wharton Presid^t

[Cullumber's Petition.]

Original.

Head Quarters, Annapolis Dec. 11th 1776.

The Humble Petition of Thomas Cullumber in Behalf and for his two far absent children.

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner has two small children in Calvert county and the oldest of them not being above five and half years old, they are incapable of doing any thing for themselves;—And at the same time, most honourable Gentlemen, I am to inform you that after the death of my wife and the time of my enlistment I agreed with a friend of mine there to take care of them for a limitted time But through the frowns of Providence and the misfortunes of the world, he has fell through and reduced to the very lowest ebb of Poverty, so that most Honourable Gentlemen he is incapable of affording