

C. S. C. Bonds, Security to the State, & forfeited the Penalty by comission of most of the within mentioned crimes. Of such who have supplied the Kings Ships with Provision, and kept up a constant intercourse with them, of those who knowingly aided, and convey'd the Public Prisoners on Board, of those enrolling in the Kings Service, during the War under Callolo, of those advising the Soldiers of this State, & the Continent, to desert, & not only harboring, but supplying them with Arms to defend themselves against being taken. And lastly what can be expected from the Inhabitants of a Place which becomes the Reception of Deserters, escaping Prisoners, and most of the Disaffected who have been expelled the neighbouring States. These Facts being unquestionably proved, & in many Instances admitted, wou'd not had to demonstrate that Religion was the original cause of those Events, yet this is urged as the Principal motive in every Instance, tho there are some Exceptions wherein Ignorant men from their Religious Attachments have been deluded (those are readily distinguished & to be pitied) yet by far the greater number conceal their true motives, & make Religion a Cloak for their nefarious Designs; and you may relye on it, there are few circles of the like Extent in New York or the Jersey States, which abound more in Disaffected People. I have been flatter'd that it will be in my Power to collect 1500 Blankets in those two Counties, for which purpose have appointed proper Persons to receive & pay for them, & to facilitate this & other Purposes, have required the Militia Reg^{ts} to meet on different Days at their usual Places of Rendezvous, to be reviewed, bringing what Blankets can be spared, this will afford a better opportunity of making such discoveries as may be necessary, respecting their Numbers & Sentiments, the State of their Arms & Discipline, and may probably pick up some Recruits, which was a great Inducement for this Order, but am afraid my design in this last Instance will in some measure be frustrated, by the conduct of some Gentlemen of the Baltimore Comp^y, who in general behaved well 'till they were discharged, after which if they have not disobeyed Orders they have descended to a degree of Petulance which in this Instance as Gentlemen and well wishers to their Country they ought to have held themselves above whilst under my command as Gentlemen I made it my particular Duty to treat with Politeness and gave them every Indulgence & from a consideration of their respective circumstances & situation in Trade & to oblige discharged them the 10th Ins^t before it was consistent with my Duty, or the Exigency of the States, at the same Time informing Cap^t Sterett, and others of his Comp^y, that