

c. c. if the Vessel in which it came should have been chased, would, in so long a Carriage on Horseback, have fretted and defaced the Papers so as to have rendered them useless; I therefore had the Cover ripped up, about eight or ten Pounds of Sheet Lead taken out, and the Cover again nailed down and sealed in the Presence of the Council and myself. I flatter myself Sir! that this Caution intended only to prevent your Papers being defaced, will not be disapproved

I have the Honor to be &^{ca}

T. J.

Mons^r Gerrard

[Council to the Chevalier De Segond de la Place.]

In Council 15th April 1779

Sir.

We are of Opinion that we cannot give Permission to recruit Men in this State for Col^o Arman's Corps, it having been enacted by the General Assembly in June Session 1777 "That no Officer of the United States shall inlist any of the Inhabitants of this State in the Service of the United States, unless in some one of the Battalions from this State, under the Penalty of one hundred Pounds for each Person inlisted contrary thereto" Count Pulaski's Officers inlisted a good many Men in this State for his Legion, but that was done by Permission of the Assembly.

We are &^{ca}

Cap^t De Segond

[Council to Board of War.]

In Council 15th April 1779.

Gen^t

Immediately on our Receipt of M^r Peters's Letter of the 25th of March, we issued Orders to the Lieu^t of Washington County to provide a Guard for the Prisoners at Fort Frederick, we have not since heard from the Lieu^t Col^o Rawlings is of Opinion that, besides the Inconvenience of taking seventy Men from their Farms a Militia Guard if they can be kept together, will not be so attentive as desirable He says that he could in a Day or two, put all the Prisoners out, one or two at a Place, with Men who have taken the Oath of Allegiance and who he thinks, might be depended upon and that rather than be subject to take the Chance of being on Guard, they would receive them to work on their Farms on the terms of giving Security in a reasonable Sum for producing the