

them under a suff^t Guard of the Militia of his County to C. B. Wilmington where they are to be delivered to the Principal Officer of the Delaware State residing there in order that they may be sent from thence to Philadelphia with this Order that they may be there imprisoned till Exchanged. The Continental issuing Commissaries are desired to furnish the Guards and Prisoners with Provisions for their Subsistance this being properly a Continental Charge and no other Provision being established at least on this Rout.

[Council to Rev. J. J. Wilmer.]

C. C.
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In Council Annapolis 27th July 1779

Sir

We just now rec^d your Letter of Yesterday. It is not in our Power to issue a Warrant agast any Body, unless an Oath is previously made of such Persons having committed the Crime for which the Warrant is issued. Any Magistrate is competent to take your Oath & issue a Warrant and if you know W^m Sluby to be guilty of High Treason, it is undoubtedly a Duty you owe the Public to apply to a Magistrate immediately to have him secured.

We are &^{ca}

Rev^d Ja^s Jn^o Wilmer.

[Council to H. Hooper.]

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In Council Annapolis 27th July 1779

Sir.

We just received your Letter respecting the British Prisoners. For several Reasons we would prefer marching them by Land to Philad^a for here we have no Prison which would hold them an Hour, and they would be quite out of the Way of Exchange. Inclosed is an Order for their Route ; the Distance is rather farther than we should have wished your Militia to go with them but that, we imagine they would be detained any where else, to get another Guard, and at Chester, we presume they may be instantly discharged. If there is no Issuing Commissary at or in the Neighbourhood of Cambridge, from whom you can draw for the Guard & Prisoners 'til they get to Chester, we request the Favor of you to have Provisions purchased.

We are &^{ca}

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