

County, that Jeremiah Baron & Andrew Miers, two of the c. c. Militia who were on the Guard of some British Prisoners to Wilmington, were there, by the Orders of a Regular Officer, for a trifling Inattention which he was pleased to consider as an Insult, forced and confined in a Guard House and that, an Application by Cap^t Watkins who commanded the Militia Guard, to you, as a Magistrate, you shewed a Disposition which must be approved and commended. An Injury of this Sort, however mortifying to the Individuals who suffered it, considered abstractedly, would not deserve our Interference, but as connected with its Consequences claims our Attention. We therefore request you Sir, to favor us with a State of this Matter, so far as it is within your Knowlege, that, if it was in the arbitrary and aggravated Manner mentioned to us, we may be enabled to represent it properly to Congress.

We are Sir &^{ca}

To ——— Bush Esq^r }
Wilmington }

[Council to W. Bordley.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Aug^t 1779

Sir.

We cannot but feel for the Treatment of Jeremiah Baron & Andrew Miers at Wilmington; be pleased to have their & Cap^t Watkins's Depositions taken fully and circumstantially and transmitted to us. We write to M^r Bush to send us a State of the Transaction as far as is within his Knowlege and purpose to lay the Whole before Congress, not doubting but that it will be there viewed in the same Light as it is by you & ourselves. We have no Doubt but that even if the Satisfaction which is due, should not be obtained, the Militia on cool Consideration, will not be backward to afford their Service when it may be necessary. From your not mentioning your Rec^t of our Letter of 2^d Ins^t it may have miscarried, wherefore we inclose you a Copy of it, pray forward M^r Bush's Letter.

W^m Bordley Esq^r }
Lieu^t of Kent County }

We are &^{ca}

Tuesday 17th August 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Hardman the amount of twenty two Pounds fifteen shillings in Cloathing for the use of John Mahood, Twenty