

Red Book No. 25 Indeed it will be very hard on the Militia of our State to furnish a Guard here all the Year.

M^r Reid who is charg'd with this is on his way to Philadelphia in order to forward the Prisoners.

December 4 [Stephen West, Woodyard, to the Council]

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Honourable Gentlemen In consequence of some Conversation with His Excellency The Governor & The Honourable M^r Carroll I send two pairs of stockings fine yarn & worsted as samples. the yarn are double and the worsted, many of them are 4^{thds} none less than 3, & are all very good & fit for Camp where I understand they are much wanted. I saw 2 days ago a M^r May and another Trader from Philadelphia who assured me that such Stockings were selling at 70 dollars a pair there, having risen from 50 dollars which was the price when M^r Mercer left that City. I have two principal inducements for giving your Honourable Board the present Trouble; Contributing to the Relief of the wants of our Army & raising Money to pay my Taxes. I can furnish about 100 to 200 pairs, which if they suit are at your Service at the Medium price given to others for such; for in fact I know not how to set a price upon them or any article adequate to the present Lines. I was compelled yesterday to give 1000 £ for 20 Bushells of Salt to supply my family & every article by The Ship General Washington is sold at the same proportion.

December 4

[Walter Hanson to Gov. Lee.]

[As George Dent and Warren Dent, Judges of the Orphan's Court for Charles County, will not qualify, he requests new appointments and recommends Walter Hanson Jenifer and Richard Barnes, as "fit persons for that purpose"; for from their readiness to do public business and their convenient situation, we have good reason to expect their constant attendance and assistance."]

December 6 [Jas Calhoun D.Q.M.G. Baltimore to His Excellency Governor Lee]

Sir Having heard nothing farther from the French Troops, we begin to conclude none of them will be sent here which will relieve us from a great deal of trouble as we were by no means prepared for this reception

The bearer of this Doct^r Thomas Bond Dep^y Director Gen^l of the Hospitals came here in expectation that it would be necessary to Establish an Hospital for the above mentioned purpose but being now of opinion his presence will not be wanted here on that occasion he is desirous of paying Annapolis a Visit before his return I therefore take the liberty to introduce him to Your Excellency.