

May 27 I beg leave to inform your Excellency & Council that you have the warm Acknowledgment of the Commander in Chief for your Exertions in forwarding Supplies, and it is greatly owing to you that I was able to feed the Army with Bread thro the Winter, and be assured I am happy of having an Opportunity in all Companies of declaring how much the United States are indebted to you for the Supplies render'd

May 28 [Luke Marbury, Nat. Ramsey, Edwd Tillard, Aa Giles, Jno
Red Book Eccleston, Long Island, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee
No. 26 Esqr.]
Letter No. 12

May it please your Excellency We the field Officers belonging to the State of Maryland, Prisoners on Long Island in behalf of the whole of the Captive Officers from that State, beg leave to Express our Gratefull sence of the Humane, and Generous Attention, paid to our distressed Situation, by that Legislature, at the Head of which you preside; an intimation whereof we have lately received by Lieut Col^o Ramsey. In Consequence of some enquiries made by him in New York antecedent to his going out on Parole, we as well as he, conceived an Idea, that a pass port could be Obtained, and Liberty granted for a flag to Come round to New York with Produce, which might be sold in that Market, in order to raise money to discharge our Board, and Other Contnngent expences; But upon our Making a Regular Application on that Subject to the proper Authority, we have received through the Commissary General of Prisoners, an Answer in the Negative, a Copy whereof we beg leave to inclose you. We therefore earnestly entreat that your Excellency may be pleased (agreable to the powers with which you are invested) as soon as possible, to transmit us a Supply in Specie. We esteem it unnecessary to mention how pressing our wants are, they are already known, and we bear them with less regret, as we are Convinced our Country wish and are taking every Step to relieve them, By the Answer which we have had the Honour to receive from New York, your Excellency will perceive the great probability, that the Officers in stead of receiving billets, will shortly be Obliged to procure and bargain for their own Boarding; in which case we would beg leave to Observe, that each Officer being supplied with a few Barrells of Good flower, and a sufficient Quantity of Bacon Hams, for his own Consumption, would have a great influence in procureing, and Continuing him good Quarters, and we Apprehend, that your Excellencys permission together with granting a flag to any small Coasting Vessell for that purpose, agreable to the Liberty in the enclosed letter expressed, would be Quite Sufficient without any formal passport, we take the liberty of Hinting this Idea, in as much as we presume a Quantity of those Articles are already provided, and Can