

January 5 agreeable to the Terms, and for the Ballance due on the Voyage by  
 Liber No. 78 the Fox, otherwise we are doubtful whether we should have a suffi-  
 p. 28 cient Sum in Cadiz, to purchase as much as the Vessels are to bring  
 back Freight free for the State, of these and other Circumstances  
 you must be the best Judge. We rely on your Direction and Conduct  
 in the Transaction of this Business, and shall only suggest that the  
 Advantages of the Voyage to Cadiz must appear considerable to  
 compensate for the additional Risque and Delay of remittance. We  
 leave the enclosed to M<sup>r</sup> Richard Harrison open for your perusal  
 and Government. The Vessels are to be eventually consigned to  
 him. If his Excellency the Governor of the Havannah should in  
 Consequence of our Request to him consent to supply us on reason-  
 p. 29 able Terms with the whole or the most material Articles contained  
 in the Invoice enclosed to M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, in that Case we would have  
 one or more of the Vessels to return immediately, according to the  
 Quantity of the Supplies you obtain, Such Supplies to be shipped on  
 Account of the State.

Ibid. [Council to Governor Jefferson.]

A certain Joseph Shoemaker is confined in Baltimore County Goal as a Prisoner of War, he was taken in Cheasepeak Bay and has a Captains Commission from the Enemy. It has been intimated to us that he is a Subject of your State and formerly resided in York Town. If upon Enquiry your Excellency should be of opinion that he is a Subject of Virginia and you think proper to claim he shall be sent under a Sufficient Guard to Alexandria and delivered to such Persons as you shall direct to receive him there, and in the mean Time he shall remain in Custody. Your Excellency will be so obliging as to inform us as early as possible.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Ford.]

We send you by M<sup>r</sup> George Leigh £250 of the new Emission and shall continue to supply you with a further Sum as you may have occasion. The public Salt in your Hands is to be applied in curing Pork and Beef you may purchase having received an order from the Commissary General for it. We request you to forward the Cattle you procure on the Hoof proper for immediate use to Frederick Town to be delivered to M<sup>r</sup> George Murdock for the use of the Convention Troops and desire this may be done as fast as you can make up 15 or 20 Head. We desire to be informed at what Price you can dispose of any Quantity of Tobacco laying in S<sup>t</sup> Marys and Charles Counties. It will not be proper to risk any the Supplies by Water until you receive our further orders