

[Council to Governor Jefferson.]

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We beg Leave to refer your Excellency to our Letter of Yesterday giving a short Account of the Transports and Troops from the Head of Elk being safe in this Harbour. We shall adopt such Measures to guard and subsist the Convention Troops and British Prisoners captured in the Action of the Cowpens, on their March through this State as may be necessary and consonant to a Resolution of Congress of the 3^d Instant and such as the Means in our power may afford. We have wrote to the President of the State of Pensylvania fully on the Subject of the March of there Troops. Matters remain in the same State as Yesterday respecting the British Ships and Forces here we are extraordinary anxious to hear from the Marquis and the Situation of the Southern Army.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

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[Council to John Thompson, Esqr.]

Ibid.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price to be delivered over to Ensign Roger Nelson of the 6th Reg^t twelve pounds ten Shillings and nine pence of the new Emission due him p Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2^d Regim^t six pounds, eight shillings and three pence of the same Emission due him for Stores per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Whetcroft eighteen pounds, fifteen shillings of the same Emission due him per Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.