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 english to our Bay. The two english Ships continue off our Harbour. By certain Intelligence from the Southward Cornwallis suffered severely although he kept the field and took four Pieces of Cannon, yet in a Day or two he retired towards Cross Creek leaving our Sick at Guilford Court House and his own at new Garden about Seventy, recommended to General Greenes Mercy.

Ibid. [Council to Colonel Rawlings.]

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 Since the Resolution of Congress directing the Removal of the Convention Troops to the State of Pennsylvania, they referred the Matter to the Board of War who have ordered that they should remain in this State in Consequence of which this Board has determined that they shall be immediately sent to Fort Frederick and we have wrote to Col. Wood to that Effect, and at the same Time informed him that you would render every Assistance in your Power which we have no Doubt you will most chearfully give in furnishing Provisions and in putting the Barracks in a proper State for the reception of the Troops.

Ibid. [Council to Philip Thomas Esq^r or the commanding Officer of Militia.]

We request you will furnish a sufficient Guard (agreeable to Col. Wood's Directions) as an Escort to the Convention Prisoners who are to be removed to Fort Frederick.

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 [Council to Col. James Wood.]
 We have received your Letter of the 30th Ult. with the Instructions of the Board of War respecting the Convention Troops, a Copy of which we had before been furnished with. By the Resolution of Congress those Troops were possitively to be removed into Pennsylvania and we gave Directions accordingly for a Guard to escort them, we expected they were out of this State agreeable to that resolution, it is therefore disagreeable and distressing to see that order rescinded and for us to be called on anew to secure and provide for them, expressing contrary to the Inclination and Directions of our Assembly. However from the Exigency of the Case, we have determined that the Convention Troops be sent under your Directions with such an Escort as may be necessary to Fort Frederick, and that that Place be put in the best Condition in every Shape for their reception. Col. Rawlings will give his Attention to the Completion of these or any orders you may find necessary to answer the Purposes intended. We expect that the walls of Fort Frederick are perfect and the Gates that the Houses and Barracks are also in Repair if they are not they must be made so with every other Conveniency, and there cannot be a