

Whiskey or Brandy being issued and in as small Proportion as the Service and Necessity will admit, only when absolutely necessary. M<sup>r</sup> Brookes the Commissary has Directions to obey your Orders.

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[Council to John Smith Brookes Esqr.]

Ibid.

Both of your Letters of yesterday are received and we wrote an Answer to that by M<sup>r</sup> Crauford by M<sup>r</sup> Bowie enclosed the printed Law. The uncertainty of the Movements of the Enemy at Present keeps [us] in Doubt, but we think in twenty four [hours] we shall be on a certainty as to the Force under Leslie; if we hear of their going to the Southward, the Militia will be discharged immediately, if otherwise they are kept in Service, you must be governed by the Laws in being as to the Delivery of Provisions for them. In regard to whiskey or Brandy, we request you will procure some for the Militia of Prince George's County to be delivered out in small Quantities to them when called into actual Service and only at such Times as the Lieutenant of the County may think it absolutely necessary.

[Council to General Assembly.]

Ibid.

In the Jack o'Lantern captured by the Antilope and Felicity were three Negroes, one the property of M<sup>r</sup> John Eden a Subject of this State, the others we are informed are the Property of some of the Subjects of the State of Virginia, those Negroes with the Vessel and what appertained to her have been condemned in the Court of Admiralty of this State and sold; the Negroe belonging to M<sup>r</sup> John Eden was delivered to him by our Order on his engaging to restore him when required by this Board the other Negroes are still confined in Ann Arundel County Goal. Application has been made to us in Behalf of the Recaptors for the Negroes, that they may be delivered to the Purchasers. We have delayed complying with their request till we could submit the Matter to the Consideration of the general Assembly and obtain their opinion whether Negroe Property is or ought to be subject to the Rules of Determination which prevail in other Personal Property recaptured or whether Justice and good Policy from the Nature of their Property, the Facility with which they abandon the Service of their Masters who live on the Waters do not admit a Departure from the general Rules. We wish to have the Directions of the general assembly what shall be done with those Negroes.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major Aquila Giles thirty four Gallons of Rum and one hundred and thirty six pounds of Sugar due him to the first Instant.