

mouth are not destined against this State, we would not have the Stores removed until you hear further from us, or have a certain Account of the Approach of the Enemy but wish you to have them in Readiness to remove at the shortest Notice to the Place we must leave to you as you are much better acquainted with the County than we are, agreeably to your request we have sent you 750£. We request you to purchase and send forward four Hogsheads of Taffier or Brandy, two Hogsheads of West Indian Rum.

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[Council to Nathaniel Ramsey, Esqr.]

Ibid.

We have at your Solicitation reconsidered the Terms upon which Whetstone Point is to be disposed of, and cannot concur with you in Opinion that any bad Effects will result from our not altering them. You must be sensible it was the Intention of the Assembly to sell that Property for the Purpose of procuring a Sum of hard Money according to their Engagement for the Officers and Soldiers. The reasons which induced us to fix and still adhere to the Terms of Sale published that no other Money besides Specie will answer the Purposes of the Officers and Soldiers of our Line in the Southern Army and going thither that we have engaged to send the Specie to them as soon as we can possibly obtain it, and that we would not appropriate what came in to any other Purpose, until they were supplied with what the Assembly have allowed, that Whetstone would be sold for Specie only and that we have no Prospect of acquiring a Sum soon by any other Means, many more reasons that occur to us could be assigned if it was necessary; in disposing of this Property you will be governed by your own Discretion having an Eye to the Necessities of the Officers and Men and we are convinced the Public will not suffer. We have sent you an Extract of a Letter from M^r Lee from whence we are led to conclude that M^r Washington will have no objection to sell his Part, the States answering his Proportion of the Money, as it was the Intention of his father that his Interest should be sold, if you dont think you are authorised to sell his Part, it will be proper to have it laid off in the same Manner M^r Russel's was

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[Council to Mr. Job Garretson.]

Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 4th Current and Henry Oran's Petition, upon seeing the Man his Age, and Description and considering his indigent Circumstances and numerous helpless Family, we cannot help viewing the Fine laid on him as oppressive. The Letter we wrote you on the 2^d Aug^t relative to Thomas Burgin was on a similar Subject. We therein acknowledged our want of power to relieve the Man but requested you to suspend levying the Fine until he had an opportunity of laying his Case before the next Assembly. We wrote the same request of Suspension for this Man Henry Oran