

November 2 than 2000 including Officers, as the whole are to be divided among the
 Liber No. 78 States of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. We apprehend such
 p. 298 a Body of Prisoners will require a Guard of three hundred Men,
 besides Officers; it will therefore be necessary to order out immedi-
 ately such Companies of Select Militia of Montgomery Frederick
 and Washington Counties as will be sufficient to compose such a
 Guard, and until the Select Militia of Washington and Montgomery
 Counties can be assembled at Frederick Town, the destined Station
 of the Prisoners, you will order upon Duty such a Number of the
 Militia at large of Frederick County as, with your select Militia, will
 amount to the above Number. The Prisoners allotted to this State,
 will be guarded by the Militia of Virginia, as far as the Verge of that
 State and will march the most direct Route from Winchester to
 Frederick Town, and as they are now on their Way it will be incum-
 p. 299 bent on you to march off your Guard immediately, to such Point as
 in all Probability, they will be halted at, when the Guard arrives there,
 the Commanding Officer must take Charge of the Prisoners and
 march them to Frederick Town. We have directed the Lieutenants
 of Washington and Montgomery Counties to order out the select
 Militia of their respective Counties and have them marched im-
 mediately under their Officers to Frederick Town, the Guard is to
 be under your sole Direction, You will appoint Capt. Mountjoy Baily
 commanding Officer of the Guard under you. We have appointed
 George Murdock Esq^r issuing Commissary, to whom you will occa-
 sionally give the necessary Directions. As the Barracks will be in-
 sufficient to hold the Prisoners, we suggest the Propriety of appropri-
 ating the Poor's House, Logged Gaol and every other empty House
 proper for Barracks; and in Case you meet with Difficulty in procur-
 ing Houses, the Property of Individuals, and which may be, without
 much Inconvenience, made Use of in this Way, we hereby authorize
 you to take Possession of any such Buildings which you may deem
 necessary.

Ibid. [Council to the Lieutenants of Montgomery and
 Washington Counties.]

About two thousand of the Prisoners captured with Lord Corn-
 wallis, are to be Stationed at Frederick Town, guarded and provided
 for by this State. In Consequence of which, we have determined to
 order out a Guard to consist of 300 Men exclusive of Officers, to be
 furnished out of the select Militia of Montgomery, Frederick, and
 Washington Counties; you will therefore order out immediately one
 Company of Select Militia to be composed of 80 Rank and File with
 their Officers, and have them marched to Frederick Town without
 Delay, where they will be subject to the Orders of Philip Thomas
 Esq^r Lieutenant of Frederick County.