

April 29 be sufficient. I have inclosed you Lieu^t Col^o Waterses Comm^s with a resignation on it, we have no other field officer to the battalion but a maj^r who earnestly requests with myself that M^r John Done may be appointed to the Command of it. M^r Done formerly commanded A battalion in Worcester County which was vacated by his removal and from his known integrity and Attachm^t to our Cause we have been induced to recommend him to the Command of the battalion and hope your honours will have it in your power to transmit me his Commission with the commissions for the Salisbury battalion agreeable to the recommendations which you have rec^d with a Lieu^t Col^o Commission for Maj. Esme Bayly of the Salisbury Battalion

[April] [Joseph Handy to Col^o George Dashiels, Lieutenant of the County].

On the 21 day of this Instant at the Request of M^r Lyons I went Down to huppers Straights in order to fetch the flag up Wiccomoco But when I came there I found Her in poseson of a british Privatier from New York cal^d the Jack in the Lantern Comanded by Capt Mangen who took me prisoner and Detained Me five Days in which time they Stript the flag of Sailes Rigen and provisions and one anchor and Cable and Mr. Lyons Cloths they Likewise tuck ought five or six tons of Balest which has put the flag so Mutch ought of trim that I Dont think Her fit for Sea on the twenty fifth of this Instant the aforesaid privatiers was taken by the Antilope Leter of Mark Comanded by Capt folger from Guardalupe bound to Baltimore but Hearing that The Enemies Shipt was up the bay they went up Patuxent River where they set me and the flag at Liberty.

Annapolis 5th December 1780

In Council

Permission is hereby given to Legh Masters Cap^t of the Sloop Experiment A Flag of Truce from Providence one of the Bahama Islands to Lade on board the Said Sloop for the use of the Exchanged Prisoners and Crew Belonging to the Said Sloop Ten Barrels of Bread & five Barrels of Flower and Ten Barrels of Salt Beaf or Pork.

True Copy

Sign'd Tho^s S. Lee.

Baltimore, February 28, 1781.

M^r Masters having furnished the Prisoners with Six Hundred & fifty Six Pounds of Beef and Six Hundred and fifty six pounds of flower of his Provisions he is at Liberty to take the Like Quantity over & Above the Within.

A True Copy. Sign'd

Dan^l Hughs, D. C. of Prisoners

for the State of Maryland.