

afterwards was preparing to Land a Considerable force but prevented by the Militia who came in time to her assistance the Militia in this Part of the County are Illy provided for arms and worse for Ammunition being frequently called out and forced to expend with a part of what hath been allowed them so that if the enemy should Land any Considerable Body of men in order to plunder this part of the County will almost ly open to their mercy. Many negroes have gone from this Neighbourhood since the time the enemy Anchored of S^t Marys.

[Dan^l Hughes, Balt., to Gov. Lee]

January 26

I received yours of the 17th Instant with the prisoners and Apply'd to Gen^l Gist for a Guard of Soldiers to forward them to Phil^a he informs me there is none to be had. I apply'd to Gen^l Buchannan some time ago for a Guard to Fredrick Town for some prisoners, but could not obtain one without a Special Order, which will be necessary in this Instance

I understand by Cap^t Nicolson that if those prisoners are forwarded to the Commissary of prisoners for the Marine department, that they must be exchanged for those next in rotation, and that the likeliest way to effect the exchange of the persons you mention would be by a flagg to New York or the Enemy now in the Bay, or to put them on board—Capt. Masters Flagg and take his Recp^t For want of a proper officer at this place to take notice of the marine prisoners, I have been induced to Act in that place, tho they do not come under my department. Should a person for that purpose be thought necessary at this place I shall have no objections to act provided there is an equivalent allowance

[Parole of Capt. Hann^l Lusk]

January 26

I do hereby acknowlege myself to be a Prisoner of War on my Parole to His Excellency of Maryland, and that I am hereby engaged until I shall be exchanged or otherwise released therefrom to remain at Bladensburgh in Prince Georges and I shall not in the mean Time do or cause any Thing to be done prejudicial to the Success of the Armies or Navies of the United States of America or either of them or have Intercourse or hold Correspondence with their or either of their Enemies and that upon a Summons from His Excellency the Governor of Maryland or other Person having Authority thereto, that I will Surrender myself to him or them at such Time and Place as shall hereafter be required.

Witness my Hand this 26th Day of January 1781

Hann^l Lusk

January 1781

Witness

T. Johnson J^r