

December 28 be so moved by his situation as well as that of his distressed &
 Red Book afflicted Father as to cause him to be removed from the present
 No. 27 place of his confinement to any other place whereby he may not
 Letter 34 [Indorsed become a Sacrifice to the Inclemency of the weather, & where he
 "Referred to Judge must if continued submit to inevitable Fate.
 Hanson"]

Your memorialist therefore Hopes that your Excellency and Honours will take the premises into consideration & take such order therein as shall seem meet.

December 28 [John Macdonald, Lieut 80th British Regt., Frederick Town,
 to the Governor and Council.]

By the fortune of War I was taken prisoner under Lord Cornwallis at York in Virginia. I have an Uncle in St. Mary's County, John Somervell by name whom I never saw, but as I have heard my mother often mention him with the utmost tenderness and affection I am very desirous to pay him a visit, could I be so happy Gentlemen, as to obtain your leave & permission for that purpose. If you please to indulge me in this request I shall be very punctual, to return when you order me.

December 29 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thos Sim
 Red Book Lee, Esqr, in Council.] (fav^d P^r Mr. Williams)
 No. 30

Letter 53
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And Please your Excell^{cy} & Honours Your fav^r of the 11th is now before me, I wrote to M^r Calhoun for the Salt and have sent to Philad^a at the same time (least one of the ways should miscarry) as I have lately received three vessel Loads of Beef from below and expect several more, and am still slaughtering Cattle, I have about one hundred on hand, about forty of which are too poor to kill (which as Forage is rendered very scarce in this neighborhood) I shall sell, am making Sale of Part of the wheat and flour to enable me to go on with the State business, and to close my account for the present year as soon as possible, you mention sending some Red money by M^r Job, as tis uncertain when that Gentleman will return home I'll thank you to send it by M^r Baruch Williams, as I am much in arrears for Forage for the Army, a part of which I am to pay in Red money, and if I am not furnished with it, shall be obliged to pay the hard, as I am fully determined to bring forward all my Accounts against the State as soon as possible, which cant be done without the money, nor would a single person trust me without the fullest promises of punctual payments (which I am now dun'd for ten times a day) and do most earnestly intreat you will enable me to make good, that I may if possible bring the State again into Credit, and settle my Accounts to your and the Honourable Assemblys Satisfaction (and to retire)