

months, I request you'l Present my best comp^{ts} to all the Gentⁿ & Ladies in Annapolis you think I have the Pleasure of Knowing. My best respects to y^r son D^l & M^{rs} Sim y^r family & gen^l

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[Col. Robt. Harrison, Lt D. Cot^y Cambridge to] January 6

The Bearer hereof Cap^t Whitehead having this day been delivered to me together with Eight Prisoners of War under a guard of Militia by order of Major Follin, and having given his Parole of Honor to Col^l Steward as by the underwritten Copy of said Col^l Stewards Letter to said Major Follin may more fully appear. I have given the afs^d Cap^t Whitehead liberty to Travel to Annapolis either by Land or Water as he may think most convenient

Copy of Col^l [John] Stewards Letter to Major Follin
4th Jan^y 1781

You are on Receipt of this to detach a guard with Seven Prisoners of War which I have sent you, & give orders to the officer of the guard to convey them to Cambridge and there deliver them to some Field officer with the Letters which I herewith send.

Cap^t Whitehead has given me his Parole of Honor and as such you are to consider him.

[Luther Martin, Baltimore Town, to Gov. Lee.]

(p Col. John Dorsey)

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A small boat belonging to the Enemy was taken a few weeks past and brought to this Town. She was commanded by one Joseph Shoemaker who has a Commission and is connected with the Goodriches. He is now in Goal at this Town and being desirous to be exchanged or paroled has applied to me on the occasion. I do myself therefore the Honour of giving your Excellency the following State of facts which I believe to be just. He is a native of Philadelphia and before the Declaration of Independance and formation of our Government, took an Active part in the present Dispute—at the time or about the time of those Events taking place he was residing, in consequence of some mercantile concerns in which he was engaged, at York Town in Virginia where I remember to have seen him frequently—from that Town he sailed in a Vessel which he fitted out in Virginia, and was taken (it is said) and carried to New York where he took advantage of Howes Proclamation, and accepted a commission to cruise against us—in October last he left New York in a whale boat and came into this Bay where he remained till taken—during that time it appears from his Journal he has committed divers acts of Hostilities and while the Fleet was in James River was active in piloting them and in procuring them Intelligence. I have now only to add that if your Excellency should think he ought to be con-