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[Council to Andrew Buchanan Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Baltimore County]

We are informed that a very great Number of British, German and others who are Prisoners of War, taken at York, are at this Time in Baltimore, passing and repassing in perfect Security. We conceive the Interest of the Continent and this State in particular, injured, in permitting these People to be at large; by securing and confining them, we may relieve, by Exchange, many of our truly deserving and distressed Countrymen from the loathsome Prison Ships and Gaols of the Enemy; We must Therefore request you to examine particularly into the Subject and give the necessary Orders for their being secured and sent under Guard to Frederick Town to be delivered to Col<sup>o</sup> Rawlings.

Ibid.

[Council to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas H. Ridgate.]

Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant we have received. We cannot give the Price you ask for Salt, as it is considerably more than it is sold for any where. If you will take 150<sup>lbs</sup> of Tobacco per Bushel, you will deliver to M<sup>r</sup> Reeder the Quantity he may want.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun Esq<sup>r</sup>]

We received a Letter this Day from M<sup>r</sup> George, requesting us to forward to him 40 Bushels of Salt to replace the like Quantity which he was obliged to borrow for the Public; we therefore request you to supply M<sup>r</sup> George with that Quantity as soon as you possibly can; he adds that Salt may be had at Alexandria.

Ibid.

[Council to Joshua George Esq<sup>r</sup>]

We have directed M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun to furnish you with 40 Bushels of Salt and, as he has the Means of procuring it, in his Hands, you may rely on receiving it.

Ibid.

[Council to Honble Robert Morris, Esq<sup>r</sup>]

We have thus long delayed answering your several Favors of the 6<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> under an Expectation that we should have soon been in Capacity to give the Information you are so desirous of obtaining, and of replying particularly and satisfactorily to those Parts which appeared to us the most important; but meeting with greater Difficulties than we foresaw in the Enquiry, and finding that we are yet very far from being possessed of the Materials necessary for answering all your Views, we can no longer delay such general Information as we have in our Power, as  
p. 309 well to satisfy you that we have not been so difficient in complying with the various Demands made upon us, as you may have conceived, as to rescue the State from the Suspicion of Inattention to the Requisitions of the great Representation of America.—We derive much