

[W Paca in Council to Honble Intendant.]

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We request you will give Orders for supplying the Deficiencies of Cloathing wanted for the Troops at Frederick Town, except Shoes, of which there are a Quantity at Frederick Town

[W Paca in Council to Col^o Philip Thomas]

Ibid.

We are favored with yours of the 20th ult^o. As the Prisoners at Frederick Town will, hereafter, be guarded by Regular Troops, there will be no Necessity for an Armourer; we think however, it would be right to employ M^r Razer to repair the Arms that are now out of Order. We request you will send to this Place, by the Waggon which goes with the Troops, all the Shoes in your Possession, except one hundred Pair to be reserved for the Guard

[W Paca in Council to Col^o Philip Thomas.]

Ibid.

Lieu^t Ricketts informs us that you delivered him 34 Pair of Shoes for the Men under his Command. We approve of what you have done, and have wrote this for your Justification.

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Ibid.
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We shall be obliged to you to deliver to Lieu^t Lynn 21 Pair of Shoes, for a Detachment ordered to Frederick to guard the Prisoners

[W. Paca, [in Council] to Honble Daniel Carroll Esq^r in Congress.] Ibid.

The Post's coming in and returning so suddenly, prevents an Opportunity of answering Letters from Philadelphia, 'til the succeeding Week. We have been favored with yours by the last Post, covering the Report of a Committee of Congress, on the Subject of Rhode Island's Refusal to impose the 5 p Cent Duty, and we have laid it before our Assembly, with the Injunction not to suffer Copies to be taken for the present. We had received His Excellency the Minister's Letter, the Week before, and it is our Request that you will take the first Opportunity of expressing to His Excellency, the grateful sense we entertain of his very polite and obliging Condescension. Two armed Vessels, the one called the Pole Cat, the other, the Tarleton, came down immediately from Baltimore, and have since sailed down the Bay against the Enemy, and, we have great Reason to believe, will either Capture or drive them out of it. The Appearance of those Vessels off Annapolis in Face of the General Assembly, who had applied for them, for the Protection of their Citizens, made a very favorable Impression of the Utility and Importance of the Alliance. The Secretary for Foreign Affairs transmitted us a Copy of M^r Oswald's Commission, which we have also communicated to the