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[W Paca in Council to Gen^l O. H. Williams.]

We are under the Necessity of drawing an Order on you, in Favor Captⁿ Bryan, for one hundred Pounds, which we request you will pay out of any public Money in your Hands. The Order will be received by the Treasurer for so much Specie.

Ibid.

[W Paca in Council to Admiral Digby.]

Prompted by Motives of Tenderness and Compassion for the Sufferings of such Citizens of this State as are confined Prisoners of War in New York, we have granted a Flag to Captⁿ Geddis, directing him to transport the Quantity of Corn and Flour therein mentioned, to that Port, and, with the Money arising from the Sale thereof, to relieve the Distresses of those unhappy Persons.

Fully persuaded that your Excellency is benevolently disposed to soften the Rigor and Distress of Captivity especially where the National Interest cannot be affected by indulging the Feelings of Humanity, we have every Ground to hope that you will applaud the Principles on which this Flag is granted, and suffer the Cargo to be disposed of for the Benefit of our Captive Citizens.

Ibid.

[W Paca in Council to Robert Alexander Esq^r]

From a Representation of the distressed Situation of the Naval Prisoners belonging to this State, we have determined to send to New York for Sale, three thousand Bushels of Corn and two hundred and fifty Barrels of Flour, in several small Vessels under Sanction of Flags of Truce, and, out of the Sales, to procure Cloathing, Blankets and other Necessaries for the Use of the Captives. We request you to dispose of Cap^t Belt's Cargo of Corn, and after deducting the usual Commission, to pay the Proceeds to M^r Luke Wheeler, who is acquainted with our Pleasure, with Regard to the Things he is to purchase and distribute among the Prisoners. We cannot but be obliged by any Civilities or Indulgences conferred on our Captive Citizens, and shall consider ourselves bound in Gratitude to exercise the like Humanity towards such of your People as the Chance of War may put in our Hands.

Ibid.
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[W Paca in Council to Robert Alexander Esq^r]

From a Representation of the distressed Situation of the Naval Prisoners belonging to this State, we have determined to send to New York for Sale, 3000 Bushels of Corn and 250 Barrels of Flour in several small Vessels under Sanction of Flags of Truce, and out of the Sales, to procure Cloathing, Blankets, and other Necessaries for the Use of the Captives. We request you to dispose of Capt. Geddis's Cargo of Corn and Flour, and after deducting the usual Commission, to pay the Proceeds to M^r Luke Wheeler, who is acquainted