

[W Paca in Council to Capt<sup>ns</sup> Murdock & Fickle.]

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We are much pleased with the Zeal you manifest for the Service of the State. We hope to have an Equipment compleat in two or three Days, when we shall be happy to give each of you a Command of some of the Troops which shall be allotted to for each Vessel.

[Council to M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Steward]

Ibid.

We are much obliged to you for your Information about the Enemy's Privateers, which we shall attend to. We intend to send down some Provisions for Capt<sup>n</sup> Lynn's Men in a Day or two, when we will endeavour to send enough for the Supply of the Sailors you mean to employ in rigging the Vessel.

[W Paca in Council to Gen<sup>l</sup> O. H. Williams]

Ibid.

We shall be obliged to you to send by Capt<sup>n</sup> Delisle, who will deliver you this, one hundred Pound's Specie, and forward us by some safe Opportunity, any Public Monies you may have in your Office.

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Permission given to Thomas Farrell of Washington County and also to M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Young and her Son John Laidler to go into the City of New York by Dobbs's Ferry to Transact private business and to return

The Intendant is requested to deliver to Jeremiah Sullivan lately discharged from the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, one Blanket and one Shirt.

[W<sup>m</sup> Paca in Council to His Excellency The Governor of Rhode Island]

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Upon being well informed that the Citizens of this State, not less than 150 in Number, confined in a Prison Ship in New York, were suffering every Kind of Distress that Nakedness, Want of Necessaries, and Sickness could occasion; Duty and Humanity prompted us to make an Effort for their Relief, and we determined, pursuant to Powers vested in us by our Legislative, to send into New York such Articles of Produce as the British Commanding Officer would admit, and contracted with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dorsey, Wheeler & Co. for the Transportation of 2,500 Bushels of Corn and 250 Barrels of Flour, in two or three small Vessels, and granted Passports accordingly, after having obtained Information that Vessels with Produce for the above Purpose would be received. One of those Vessels, a Bay Sloop, commanded by Henry Geddis, sail'd the fourth Instant, and we are told, was boarded near Egg Harbour on the 17<sup>th</sup> by a Schooner of six Guns, Oliver Reed, Master belonging to New Port, Rhode

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