

In Council Annapolis Tuesday Morning Dec^r 9th 1777
Sir His Excellency being absent, we received your letter of yesterday morning
and, in consequence thereof, have sent a Wagon under the Guard of a
No. 8. oned Officer & 5 Privates laden with Arms &c. as undermentioned. Inclosed
is a letter to Col^o Ware, whom we have referred to you for Advice, if he
be under any Difficulties, which he could not receive from us, at the
we are from him, on Business that may require an immediate Determina
on. — We are Sir &c

Hon^{ble} Thomas Stone Esq^r

60 Musquets with Bayonets
87 Cartridge Boxes with fix'd Ammunition
83 Bayonet Belts
250 Flint

In Council 15th Dec^r 1777. —

Sir Doct^r Semmon, Mr. Richard Semmon & Mr. Mark Alexander represent
to us that they obtained Orders from the Board of War for nine Hessian
Prisoners to work at a Salt Works at Sinnerpuxent, in which they are
9. concerned, with others and that they brought nine of those Prisoners to
Baltimore Town, who, as they suppose, and probably, truly, have been
persuaded to refuse going according to their Agreement and that you
in consequence of Mr. Lindenberger's Warrant, have taken those
Prisoners out of their Hands and now keep them at the Fort. If those
Prisoners or any of them are willing to proceed to the Salt Works, you
are to give up such to go forward, but if any refuse, such must be
immediately sent back to Col^o Grub, they are not to be kept in Baltimore
at the Expence of this State, nor shall we consent to their being at
large, to be employed in the Service of any but those who have been at
the Expence of bringing them thither. — We are &c
Capt. Survival Balt^o.

Sir In Council Annapolis 15th Dec^r 1777. —
We are informed that two or three Hessian Prisoners who came thither
with the Hessian Officers, are at large in Baltimore Town, and no particular
10. Person answerable for their forth coming. We request ^{that} you will make
Inquiry and, if the Fact is so, and any of those who were brought by
Mr. Semmon, are returned because of their Refusal to go to the Salt
Works, you will return with them the two or three first mentioned
or if, as we wish, the Hessians should go to the Salt Works, then we
desire the two or three who are at large may be sent by the first
Opportunity, to Col^o Grub, unless they can give good Security to appear
at Baltimore whenever called on. — We are Sir &c

Maj^r Nath^l Smith.