

be clothed, their Provisions regularly issued and they instructed in the
No. 96 Military Exercise. If the Officers of any of the Regiments, for which Recruits
have been raised, have already received the Recruits, we do not desire fresh
to be sent to us. We should be well pleased to let the three old Men
you mention, off, upon the young Men in listing, if we could be satisfied
that they were not some of the Principals in the late Insurrections, but
without being well satisfied of it, we do not incline to release them
on any terms.
Mr John Chaliners. We are Y^{rs}

In Council Annapolis 23^d Feb^r 1778.

Sir.
We send you, for the Use of the Continental Army, by the Bearer,
upwards of 600 Bushels of Salt. Receive, measure and pass your
97. Receipt for it. Delay the Boat as little as may be. We desire you'll
return the Bags, if you can possibly do without them, if not, mention
them also in your Receipt. One of the Virginia Gallies is on its Way
for the Head of Elk, with Salt, but it is likely it will be some Time
before she gets up - By a Letter received yesterday from Genl. Washington,
you cannot be too diligent in forwarding Provisions to him and in
purchasing. There are yet some Lattle in Worcester County; the Money
we advanced was short, and we cannot advance more. Is any Body
gone down, on that Business. We are Y^{rs}
Col^l Henry Hollingsworth

In Council 23^d Feb^r 1778.

Sir.
We inclose you a Copy of a Letter from the Board of War dated the 11th Inst^o,
of the Resolutions of Congress respecting the Prisoners transmitted to us,
and an Order of this Board for a Guard. We wish it may be effectual, though
from our former Endeavours having failed and the Conversation which passed
98. between the Governour and you on the Subject, we are apprehensive it will not.
The Defect of the Militia Law, in this Particular, will be laid before the
Assembly, who are alone capable of making a competent Provision. Some of
the Officers who are Prisoners, were desirous of Permission to go to York
to obtain the old weekly Allowance and to put Things on such a Footing
as to get floathing, but you'll see by the Resolutions of Congress, that
they have stopped the Allowance and that no such Indulgence is to be
permitted. If any of the Gen^{ls} have a Mind to write open Letters to Genl.
Hawes for Necessaries, it would be proper to forward them to Genl. Washing^{ton}
who will doubtless, send them in and permit their Friends to relieve
them with floathing. Be pleased to forward the inclosed Letters to
Mr. Hughes, by the first Opportunity. We are Y^{rs}
Col^l Beatty.