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Counsell Annapolis 2^d Dec^r 1779.

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Sir We are informed by the Attorney General that Anandine was tried on two
several Indictments for Theft and convicted but that the Court had suspended
the Punishment which the Law appoints until application could be made
to us and our Pleasure known. The Good and Safety of the Community
requires that Offenders should be punished, to restrain them from repeating
the Offence and to deter others whose malicious Dispositions might otherwise
prompt them to imitate their pernicious Examples from violating the
Law and disturbing the Tranquillity of the State; yet in this particular
Case, the Regard of the Law may be relaxed to avoid that Inconvenience
which a good and reputable Family would suffer by inflicting an igno-
minious Punishment on the Culprit, and we are willing to pardon
the Offender on Condition that he continue in the Service of the United States

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We are &c

Baltimore

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Sir In the Opinion of this Board you have been rather irregular in allowing the
Mariners and Passengers of a Vessel to take a larger Quantity of Provisions
than necessary to Subsist them their Voyage out and Return to the Port
from whence they sailed. As the Instance you mention is the first for
we hope it will be the last

Jeremiah Banning Esqr

Naval Officer 4th District }
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Sir Good strong stockings are much wanted for our Soldiers and it would
give us Pleasure to have it in our Power to receive them on reasonable Terms.
The Samples sent appear to be good and such would suit us. The Reason you
give for offering them to us, are very sufficient and we trust the former contri-
bution to the Relief of the Army will induce you to part with them on such
Terms as will justify us in making this Purchase. The Price formerly given
has not exceeded twenty five Dollars but as yours are of a superior Quality we
are willing to give from thirty to thirty five Dollars according to their goodness
and will take 200 Pairs. If you are inclined to sell them at that Price,
be pleased to inform us by the first Opportunity. We are convinced the
Examples of others in demanding exorbitant Prices for what they sell
will have no Influence on you because they have a Tendency to obstruct
the Object you and we have so much at Heart "the Relief of
the Poor Soldiers".

Mr Stephen West

We are &c