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In Council Annapolis 8th April 1780

151. Sir. Stephen Sturges who has the Conduct of the Ship Chase, the Property of the Continent, destined for Europe, is under some Apprehensions that he may meet with Difficulty in sending the necessary Quantities of Provisions from Baltimore to Patuxent, the Ship now lies, for the Use of her Crew. We think, under the 8th Section of the Act to prohibit for a limited Time &c. you may with Propriety give the desired Indulgence, what Quantity may be sufficient for her Passengers and Marines to her Port of Delivery and Return, you are more competent to judge of than we are.

The Naval Officer at Baltimore -

We are &c.

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152. Sir. Col. Ramsay being on his Return to New York, we request you to procure him Cloth &c. sufficient for a Suit of Regimental Uniform, suitable to his Station, and the Amount shall be transmitted to you, on your sending the Account.

Ralph Geo. P. Trecothick.

We are &c.

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Gentlemen.

153. We have been informed there have been frequent Instances of States exchanging Officers taken by the Militia for those of their respective States, in the Hands of the Enemy, even without an Application to your Honorable Board or His Excellency. If we are rightly informed, and such Practice has generally prevailed and been acquiesced in, it is our earnest Desire that Lieut. Colonel Connelly who was captivated in this State and is now in your Custody, being deemed and adjudged by Congress, a Prisoner of War and redeemable, should be exchanged for Lieut. Col. Ramsay, an Officer of extraordinary and distinguished Merit in the Maryland Line. As those Gentlemen are equal in Rank, we flatter ourselves, no Objection can be made to such Exchange. This Application would not have been so long neglected, if we had not expected that a general cartel would have been established and rendered it unnecessary.

Board of War

We have the Honor &c.

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154. Sir. We have wrote to the Board of War, requesting that Lieut. Col. Connelly, who is captivated in this State and is adjudged by Congress, a Prisoner of War and redeemable, may be exchanged for Lieut. Col. Ramsay, an Officer in the Maryland Line. The extraordinary Merit of this Gentleman makes us very solicitous, that this Exchange should be approved by you. We are informed that there have been several Instances of such Exchanges having been made to the Advantage of the Army, and thence are led to hope there will be no Difficulty in complying with your Request, in the first Instance.

His Ex. Gen. Washington

We are &c.