

N^o. 105. That this Exchange may be effected without Delay, we have sent
 Capt. Whitehead under Guard to you and request that the Commissary
 General of Prisoners in New York may be apprised of our Resolutions
 immediately and requested if such Exchange is approved by him that
 Capt. Harrison may be sent with a Flag to the Lines where Capt.
 Whitehead shall be delivered for him. If this is not the accustomed
 mode of bringing about an Exchange of Prisoners we wish the
 proper one to be pursued by you. We also desire that Paul Busey
 Thomas Talloman Samuel Cowman John Burns Martin Shields
 Benjamin Owens Henry Owens and Jonathan Waters Subjects of this
 State taken in the Sloop Lincoln and carried into New York
 and there confined, may be exchanged for Daniel Howood, Edward
 Dyer, James Foster William Hand, James Locory, John Driskell
 Andrew Allow taken in the sloop and William Hollett
 belonging to the Ship whom we send under Guard with Captain
 Whitehead
 Daniel Hughes Esq.

In Council, 18 January, 1781.

106. Sir, The General Assembly have requested us to establish a
 Chain of Expresses from Point Lookout to this City for the
 Purpose of communicating Intelligence of the Operations of and
 Movements of the Enemy to us with the greatest Speed. Your
 convenient Situation and Readiness to contribute your Assistance
 for the Defence of the State on all Occasions have induced us to apply
 to you to employ an active Diligent and trusty Person to ride
 Day and Night from Point Lookout to Annapolis who is
 to be ready to set off at any Hour with such Dispatches as
 you may deliver him whenever you are apprised of any move-
 ment of the Enemy up the Bay or their Intentions to operate
 against this State of which the common Safety of the Inhabi-
 tants require we should be informed, We entreat you will
 communicate it by such express without any Delay;
 whenever you agree to pay the Express for his Trouble
 and all other Expenses which may arise in conducting
 shall be faithfully and punctually discharged.

Robert Armstrong Esq.