

In Council, 13th Feb. 1781.

Sir,

166. Mr. Keports informs us he has a Sergeant belonging to the continental Army employed in the Service of the State, who is extremely useful in making and repairing, Cartouch Boxes and from the Difficulty of procuring so skillful and faithful workmen of the kind, we apprehend the Public will suffer considerable Inconvenience if he is advised to join the Army. We therefore should take it as a Favour if you will give Directions for his continuing with Mr. Keports.

General Gist.

In Council, 13th Feb. 1781.

Sir,

167. We wrote you by Col. Wood in Answer to your Favor of the 31st ult and this Day we are to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours of the 8th Inst. We lament the disagreeable Situation the Convention Troops are under for the want of a regular Supply of Provisions of the meat kind; and can assure you it is the earnest Desire and Wish of this Board to render their Captivity as comfortable as it is in our Power; for that Purpose we have repeatedly desired Mr. Murdock to use every Means possible to procure the necessary Supplies and to obviate every Ground of Uneasiness and Complaint. Mr. Murdock's last Letter informed us of a considerable Supply he had in View, nor do we doubt of his procuring it shortly. Every Means in our Power shall be exerted to render the Situation of the Convention Troops as agreeable as possible.

Brigadier General Hamilton.

In Council, 15th Feb. 1781.

Sir,

168. You will receive into your Custody the Body of George Mansant Mann and him closely keep, agreeable to the enclosed order of this Board.

Mr. Job Gardner.

In Council, 15th Feb. 1781.

Sir,

169. You are immediately to take George Mansant Mann under your Care and proceed with him to Baltimore and deliver him into the Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County, together with the Letter herewith.

Capt. Gilbert Middleton.