

In Council, 7th March, 1781.

1^o 237. Sir, Whenever a Detachment of continental Troops are obliged to remain in George Town, and are without Provisions and Storage, we think it necessary, that you should supply them with so much as will serve them until they can march to the next Place where Provisions are regularly issued. We think the Provisions ought to be returned to William Dout agreeable to the General Assembly's Order and request you to deliver what may be due him after deducting the Quantity he has received; but as it may be attended with Inconvenience to deliver the whole immediately, you will deliver it to him at different Periods most convenient to yourself and as he may want it.

W. Thomas Beall.

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238. Sir, The Return of Capt. Harrison from Captivity gives us an opportunity of exchanging Whitehead late Commander of the Active for Capt. Alexander Murray who was taken some Time last Year in an armed Brig and permitted to return hither on Parole. It is much our wish to serve Capt. Murray on this Occasion and therefore request you will take the speediest Method of effecting his Exchange.

Daniel Hughes Esq.

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239. Sir, It will give us Pleasure to promote your Exchange and to that Purpose, we have written to Mr. Hughes Commissary of Prisoners for this State to accomplish it in the most expeditious Manner. Whitehead late Commander of the Active is proposed, the Mode the Commissary alone will determine, the Rank we apprehend will apply as he commands a private armed Vessel and yours came within that Description. It is however advisable that you consult Mr. Hughes without loss of Time least Difficulties occur which at present have no Existence.

Capt. Alexander Murray.