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Restrictions. The Regt when the army of Genl. Lee is to lay in the middle
of the Stream, a Guard under a discreet and proper Officer is to be put on
Board and they to remain until the Goods are loaded and the Regt departs.
378 The Goods as far as they are loaded must be examined and delivered to your
Officer in the Presence of one of our Officers, none of the Persons on Board are
to go on Shore or correspond or have any Intercourse with the Inhabitants, no
letters or Papers are to be delivered to any of the Officers or Soldiers of the
late Convention without previously delivering them to the Lieutenant of
Montgomery County, who will transmit them to us. No letters or Papers
are to be received by any of the Persons on Board, The Flag from any
Person on Shore we shall direct John Muddock Esq. Lieutenant of
Montgomery County to furnish such a Guard under a proper Officer
as he may deem sufficient to escort the Goods from Genl. Town to Frederick Town
Brigadier Genl. Hamilton.

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Sir, In Council, 18th April, 1781.
Yours of the 14th, 16th, and 17th are received; enclosed you have such
Commissions as can be granted with any Propriety. The Governor and Council
can suspend a Militia Officer for a Month and the Governor may remove
or suspend any Militia Officer in Pursuance of the Judgment of a Court
Martial; these are the only Powers that relate to the Suspension or Removal
of Militia Officers vested in the Executive by the Form of Government, which
witnesses the Impropriety of suspending Galeb Shields and commissioning another
in his Place prior to the Sentence of a Court Martial adjudging him unfit
to hold his Commission and removing him. From your Representation
we submit to you the Propriety of having him tried under the 5th Article
of the 13 Section of the Act passed March Session 1778 Chapter 16. You
mention your having seized and secured from Wells Papers, we request
you to send them immediately for Examination. It gives us Pleasure to hear
you have such a good Battalion of Men and would most cheerfully order
the Guard of Regulars you request to the Post, but it is not in our Power
they are so much wanted to the Inhabitants. We highly approve of the
Spirit of the Gentlemen in the Post and would supply the Articles
required could we do it with any Propriety, the Law in respect that
the Proprs shall furnish themselves, were we at Liberty we have not
the Means as there are none of the Articles in our Magazine nor have
any Money to purchase them.