In Council, 23d April, 1781.

Sir,

No 394.

Capt Duvall of Prince Georges County this Moment brought to Town five Prisoners of War lately captured in Charles County, and as the Men who compose the Guard have not had the Small Pox, we wish to have them immediately relieved from their Charge and Apprehensions, therefore request you the Favor of you to direct the Officer of the Guard in this City to receive them.

Genl Smallwood.

In Council 24th April, 1781.

Sir,

395

Yours of the 22d Instant we have received and are much surprized to be informed of your admitting Grove and France to bail after receiving our Directions to have them sent under a sufficient Guard to this Place for Examination. You will have them and all others under similar Circumstances immediately apprehended and sent down agreeable to our former Directions with their Papers, and all the Testimony against them that you can collect. We hope and expect you will make the most diligent Enquiries that these People may be discovered and brought to condign Punishment. We have not Time to determine on that Part of your Letter respecting the Application of the captured Flour, only that the Vessel ought to be sent to a Place of Safety. We wrote to some Time ago that we had directed Mr Ikeports to deliver you two Kegs of musquet Powder which if received we imagined would be sufficient for the Militia of your County. We are desirous to contract for the building of a Galley and several Barges and wish to be informed on what Terms you could undertake this Business. We beg your Attention to all public Property in your County particularly Provisions of all Kinds which must be deposited in Places of perfect Security.

Richard Dallam.

In Council, 24th April, 1781.

Sir,

396.

We wrote to you to forward all the Recruits procured in your County, since then we have heard that you had proceeded to a Draft and had the Number assigned for your County if so we request you to send those Recruits forward to this Place that they may be armed and disciplined without Loss of Time.

Joseph Wilkinson Esqr