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In Council, 2^d May, 1781.

Sir,

420. The Council at your Request have released you on your Parole on Condition that you obtain the Release of Capt. William Middleton, and as there are some of his Boats Company Prisoners with him, whom he may be desirous to get released; if you can effect the Exchange of these Prisoners, the same Number of your Drigs Company or other British Seamen shall be released for them, and upon the same Conditions which they are.

Capt. John Percy.

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Sir,

421. We have received your Letters of the 24th and 28th Ult. We think it will be proper to order such a Part of the Militia as you may deem necessary for your Protection to hold themselves in Readiness to march upon any Emergency. Howards Property we have no Authority, but think the Grand Jury of the Just or your County Court ought to be informed of his Conduct and a regular Prosecution carried on against him. Every militia Man whose Situation in Life will not enable him to furnish himself with any part of a Nations, ought to have it provided for them while on Duty, but those who can, ought to furnish themselves, and make Returns of their Accounts to this Board for Payment. The Account of Mr. Mills we have settled and enclosed you agreeably to your Request. The seven Prisoners mentioned in yours of the 28th have arrived and are safely lodged in the ^{City} Richard Barnes Esq.

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Sir,

422. The Order given you on the Collector of St. Marys County, we hope will shortly be discharged by him; and it is the only Mode we can adopt to supply you.

Mr. Joseph Prads.

In Council, 3^d May, 1781.

Sir,

423. We shall be much obliged to you to direct the Captain on Board the Sloop to be landed on the Indian Landing at the Mouth of Swims River and we shall take it as a particular Favor if you will spare a sufficient Number of the Continental Troops to assist in putting them on Shore.

Genl. Smallwoods.