

Approbation, Congress we have learnt has sent a quantity of Provisions to Charles Town lately for the support of the Captive Officers there and we make no doubt but this State will be allowed the like Privilege for the Relief of their Officers, under the Impression we have offered Terms to the Inhabitants of this State for the Transportation of Provisions to New York, which have been accepted, and in consequence thereof having appointed Mr. Charles Crossall who will take the Honor of delivering this. Our Agent or Commissary to reside in New York if approved by his Excellency Genl. Washington until a Commissary is appointed by him. We wish you to give him every Assistance in the Conduct of this Business and further Information may be obtained of him.

Delegates in Congress.

In Council, 10th May, 1781.

Sir, The ~~late~~ sufferings of our Officers in Captivity have for a long Time claimed our Attention and excited great uneasiness which a Consciousness that we were destitute of the Means of alleviating them has much augmented; it has been and still is impracticable for the State to procure a quantity of specie adequate to that Purpose which has determined us to avail ourselves of the Propositions contained in the enclosed Paper, if your Excellency should be of Opinion it may be done consistent with Propriety, and will afford us your Assistance in facilitating a Communication with New York by way of Flag. Your Excellency will perceive that no State will be allowed to dispose of any of the Monies arising from the Sale of the Articles to be sent before the Debts of the Officers are discharged; this Restriction if adhered to will prevent us from shipping any Produce, because Repoh cannot be obtained unless the Freight is paid in New York and the Owner allowed to invest it in such Goods as are not prohibited to be brought back, and therefore trust your Excellency will endeavour to effect an Alteration of it in such Manner as will most likely attain the Objects in View, the Relief of our Officers. If your Excellency has not appointed a Commissary to reside in New York and should now think it proper to consider that Subject, and