

no Doubt more desiring that Mr. Charles Crossall has presented himself, it will give us great Pleasure to be informed that the Gentleman in whom we have reposed a Confidence is approved of by you, but if Sir you think it right to defer the Appointment, we hope Mr. Crossall may obtain your Permission to go into New York, and transact this Business for the State. Mr. Crossall will wait upon your Excellency and communicate every fully every Thing that you may desire to be informed of which relates to his Duty Genl. Washington.

In Council, 10th May, 1781.

Sir,

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We intend to send a Quantity of Provisions and Lumber to New York to discharge the Debts contracted by the Officers from this State formerly and now Prisoners there and on Long Island and for the Support of the Prisoners now there, provided we can obtain the Leave of Congress to send the Provisions and Passports from the commanding Officer in New York, should those Events take place and his Excellency Washington should not have appointed a Commissary to reside in New York; we hereby appoint you to act as such for this State until an Appointment is made by Genl. Washington to dispose of the Surplus of such Vessels as may be sent by this Board, to pay the Debts contracted by the Officers of this State and to advance to them such Sums of Money as may be necessary for their more decent Support, and to do every other Matter and Thing relating to this Business which any Commissary might or ought to do, and further that you are to insist on the Freight being paid in New York.

Mr. Charles Crossall.

In Council, 11th May, 1781.

Sir,

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You are to proceed in Concert with Mr. Steward's Vessel (in Pursuit of the Barges of the Enemy now infesting the upper Parts of the Bay) and to exert yourself your utmost Power and Abilities to capture any Barge or other Vessel in the Service of the Enemy which may be found cruising in the Bay. Capl. Gilbert Middleton.