

in Duty. It will no Doubt not be carefully attended to in the Orders you give for Whiskey or Brandy being issued and in as small Proportion as the Service and Necessity will admit, only when absolutely necessary. Mr Brooker the Commissary has Directions to obey your Orders.

(To Joshua Beall).

In Council, 12th June, 1781.

Sir,

Both of your Letters of Yesterday are received and we wrote an Answer to that by Mr Crauford by Mr Bowie enclosed the printed Law. The uncertainty of the Movements of the Enemy at present keeps us in Doubt, but we think in twenty four we shall be on a certainty as to the Place under Lewis; if we hear of their going to the Southward, the Militia will be discharged immediately, if otherwise they are kept in Service, you must be governed by the Laws in being as to the Delivery of Provisions for them. In regard to Whiskey or Brandy, we request you will procure some for the Militia of Prince Georges County to be delivered out in small Quantities to them when called into actual Service and only at such Times as the Lieutenant of the County may think it absolutely necessary.

John Smith Brooker. Esq.

In Council, 12th June, 1781.

Sir,

In the Jack Olanthorn captured by the Antelope and Felicity were three Negroes, one the property of Mr. John Eden a Subject of this State, the other was informed was the property of some of the Subjects of the State of Virginia, those Negroes with the Vessel and what appertained to her have been condemned in the Court of Admiralty of this State and sold; the Negroes was belonging to Mr. John Eden was delivered to him by our Order on his engaging to restore him when required by this Board, the other Negroes are still confined in Annapundel County Goal. Application has been made to us in Behalf of the Recaptors for the Negroes, that they may be delivered to the Purchasers. We have delayed complying with their request till we could submit the matter to the Consideration of the general Assembly and obtain their opinion whether