

In Council, 6th July, 1781.

Sir, We enclose you the Petition of Joseph Wattes which has been
 N^o 609 handed to this Board, as we are totally unacquainted with the
 Signer of the Petition, think it proper to refer the Matter to
 you. If it should appear to you that he is not fit for the
 Service, you will then discharge him.
 Lieutenant, of Montgomery County.

In Council, 7th July, 1781.

610 Sir, Representation has been made to us on Behalf of Patrick
 Crawley, who was made a Prisoner of War some Time in June, 1780
 and released on Parole, the Terms of which are that he should get
 a British naval Prisoner exchanged for himself within six Weeks,
 or do at the End of that Time deliver himself up to the British
 Commisary of Prisoners in New York, neither of which has been
 complied with; and that Col^o Smith insists on his ^{entering into the Militia and} doing Duty.
 Before we decide this Matter we wish to be fully informed of the
 Circumstances of this Man's Case, and whether there is any Suspi-
 cion of any Collusion or improper Practices between him and the
 Officer that took him, and that the real Design was that Crawley
 should remain here and the State be deprived of his personal
 Services. As soon as possible after you report Crawley's Case we
 will determine on it and communicate our Opinions to you, and
 in the mean Time we would not have him compelled to act
 in the Militia

Andrew Buchanan Esq^r;In Council, 9th July, 1781.

611 Sir, We desire to be immediately informed what State the four
 Pound Carriages are in, how many are finished and how many
 on Hand, what Quantity of Iron will be sufficient. If all the
 Carriages are directed you to make are not on Hand, we would
 not have you begin them.

Capt^t George Keefe.