

Sir,  
No 66Annapolis 3<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1701

In consequence of your Excellency's Requisition of the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, the Executive of this State contracted for a Quantity of entrenching Tools, and yesterday sent under the care of Capt. Stephens 107 Shovels, 50 Spades, 52 Pick Axes, with a Parcel of Augers and other Tools, and there is a good Prospect of forwarding in a very little Time, a much larger Number with some Dozens of Axes and Hatchets. It is very desirable to know as soon as possible where the latter, collected on the Eastern Shore, shall be sent to, and whether the Commissary General of Purchases has determined to have them slaughtered and salted in Bulk for the Convenience of Transportation, or, if practicable to take them by Water alive, what Place or Places he will point out to have them collected at. It is very probable there may be many empty Flour Barrels entirely useless at Camp, if Col.<sup>o</sup> Stewart will direct such to be sent by the Vessels returning to this State, it may be a Means of facilitating our Efforts to supply your Excellency with Flour and will tend greatly to accelerate the Removal of it to Head Quarters.

General Washington

In Council 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1701

Sir. We have on your Requisition (contrary to our usual Custom, and the Act of Assembly, which requires the Description of the Person of the Captain and the next commanding Officer of any Vessel obtaining a Commission of Letter of Marque, to be endorsed on the Commission) enclosed you a Bond, Commission and Instructions, which Bond we request you will oblige us by executing and transmit to us as soon as may be. The Gentleman who applies for the Commission, says he is acquainted with the Persons of the Officers, we shall therefore depend on his Description  
Col. John Fitzgerrald.

In Council 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1701

Gentlemen.

We have had frequent Applications from the Friends of Capt. William Middleton, who was taken in the State Boat Dolphin, to obtain his Release, also from Capt. Weems and others for the Release of William Williamson, Chief Mate of the Porpoise, who was taken in the River Delaware in July or August 1701 by some Barges, with a Sloop carrying Part of the Cargo saved out of the Wreck of the Porpoise at the Capes of Delaware; James Hewston 2<sup>d</sup> Mate of the Porpoise, Prize Master on Board a Schooner Packet, taken off Delaware about the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1701. Ezekiah Orme, a foremast Man taken at the same Time with Hewston, Daniel Campbell an Inhabitant of Annapolis, Chief Mate of a Vessel from Delaware, now a Prisoner on Parole on Long Island, taken in June or July 1701 And in Order to effect an Exchange of these Men, we enclose a Copy of the Parole of a Captain Penny, who was intended to be exchanged for Middleton, also the Paroles of Capt. John Dorsythe, John Dively Chief Mate, Ranold Biton and Peter Maines foremast Men taken by Capt. Weems of the Porpoise on Board the Snow Little John bound from St. Christopher's to New Providence. You will be obliging as to consult with the Commissary of Prisoners on the most effectual Means of procuring the Release of Middleton and those others mentioned, which will render very essential Service to them & their Friends and greatly oblige  
Gentlemen &c

Delegates from Mary<sup>d</sup>.