

NO 91 The News Papers will, before now, have informed you of the bloody Action in South Carolina, of the 28th it fell very heavy on the Maryland Line, though General Greene obtained the Victory and the Enemy left about 1100 Men. We apprehend that your Intelligence is so good from Philadelphia that you will have heard that the British at New York are fitting out all their Ships, it is said 20 or 25 Sail of the Line and putting on Board 5000 Troops in Order to make a desperate Attempt upon the French Fleet for the Relief of the Garrison of York. Affairs there are certainly become very critical. We have had various Accounts of Vessels arriving to the Eastward with Clothing and Stores, particularly Commodore Gillon in the Charlestown Brigate, but we were yesterday advised that the Account of his Arrival is premature.
President of the Special Council

In Council 22nd Oct. 1781

Sir. We have yours of the 20th Instant, and have sent you by W. Fenwick 1300^l to pay for the Lattle, which with the 600^l sent by Landisale, make the Sum you request. You will not for the present, collect more than 100 Beef Lattle in the whole, which you will continue to forward to George Town. We have this Day received certain Information of the Capture of Lord Cornwallis and his whole Army.
Joseph Ford Esq^r

In Council 22nd Oct. 1781

Sir. We shall be much obliged to you to make us an immediate Return of the Number of Stores you have received, from whom, what you have delivered and to whom, and what Number remain on Hand. It is the Determination of this Board, this Day to turn what may remain over to the Continent.
John Bullen Esq^r

In Council 23rd Oct. 1781

Sir. We have the Pleasure to congratulate you upon the Reduction of the Enemy's Posts at York and Glafar. We have not seen the Particulars of the Capitulation, but in general they are nearly the same as those granted to Genl. Lincoln at Charles Town. The English Troops marched out with Cased Colours and laid down their Arms, then were marched back into Town unarmed, the Number between 5 & 6000 Men. The Officers to be on Parole and to keep their private Baggage, but all Property plundered or captured to be restored upon Proof, ^{to the former Owners}. The British Merchants and Traders to keep their Goods and Effects, but the United States to have the Right of Preemption. The Refugees to be delivered up to the civil Powers. Count De Grasse has Notice of the Intention of Genl. Clinton and the British Navy to relieve Lord Cornwallis, and is preparing to meet them. Altho' we cannot afford to absolute Certainties, yet we will not deny ourselves the Pleasure of communicating what has come to our Knowledge.
President of the Special Council.

In Council 23rd Oct. 1781

Sir. We received, by a Letter from the Count De Grasse, and verbally by Col. Blyden the important and most agreeable Intelligence of Lord Cornwallis's Surrender. Permit us to offer our most sincere and affectionate Congratulations to your Excellency on this great and memorable Event. At present we are not informed of all the Particulars of the Capitulation, but understand the Refugees are to be subject to the civil Powers of this State from whence they fled. That Description have absconded from this State, and are now at the Head of the Harbours, Maywood and French wharf, and are now being sent to the Enemy. We have rendered them peculiarly obnoxious. We think it incumbent on us to assure that all such Persons, in respect to the State and its Liberties