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901. Sir
A Waggon and Horses will be wanted, to convey the flathing off with the
Troops and Horses that are to march for the Southward tomorrow, which we
request you will furnish Capt. Clements with.
John Bullen Esq^r

Council 1st Nov^r 1781

902. Sir
Your Letters of the 23^d & 20th ult. we have received and presume Col^o Blaine has
given you Directions about the cattle collected in your County for the Army, as he
informed us in Sept^r. the Places of Deposit on your Shore were approved of by
his Excellency, and that Measures had been, or would be immediately taken for
slaughtering the cattle and salting them down in Bulk, and transporting the Beef
to the Army. The Time of Year, and Situation you describe the cattle to be in, render
it necessary you should immediately proceed to slaughtering the whole and
salting them down, if you have a sufficient Quantity of Salt on Hand; if you have
not, you should make immediate Application to Col^o Blaine for what you may
want, at any Rate, as many cattle should be slaughtered immediately, as you have
Salt to preserve. When you have a considerable Quantity ready to be sent off,
inform us, and we will send you Vessels, if they can be obtained.
Charles Blake Esq^r

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903. Sir
A Supply of Flour is immediately wanted at this Post, and having no Place
whence we can conveniently draw it, Port of Baltimore, we request you to
forward forty Barrels of Flour to Mr. John Brifall, upon Receipt of this.
James Calhoun Esq^r

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904. Sir
As Part of the British Army, late made Prisoners at York, are to be stationed
at or near Frederick Town, the exact Number we cannot ascertain but imagine
there will be at least 2000, including Officers; it becomes necessary to forward a
sufficient Quantity of Supplies to that Place, to be delivered to George Murdock
Esq^r, who is appointed issuing Commissary for that Purpose; and we earnestly
request you will take immediate and effectual Measures to keep that Post
constantly supplied with Provision
James Calhoun Esq^r

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905. Sir
As Part of the late Garrison of York will, in a few Days be in Frederick
Town, where they are to be stationed, we shall want your Assistance in the
issuing the Provision for them; and do hereby appoint you Issuing Commissary
to the Prisoners stationed in Frederick Town. Orders are given the Issuing
Commissaries to deliver their Provision to you.
George Murdock Esq^r

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906. Sir
By a Letter received from Governor Nelson, we are informed, Part of the Prisoners
captured with Earl Cornwallis is to be stationed in this State, and though the Number
to be provided for by us is not mentioned in his Excellency's Letter, we conclude it will
not be less than 2000 including Officers, as the whole are to be divided among the
States of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. We apprehend such a Body of
Prisoners will require a Guard of three hundred Men, besides Officers; it will therefore
be necessary to order out immediately such Companies of Select Militia of Montgomery
Frederick, and Washington Counties as will be sufficient to compose such a Guard,
until the Select Militia of Washington and Montgomery Counties can be assembled
at Frederick Town, the destined Station of the Prisoners, you will order upon Duty
such a Number of the Militia at large of Frederick County as, with your Select
Militia, will amount to the above Number. The Prisoners allotted to this State
will be guarded by the Militia of Virginia, as far as the River of Potomac
and will march the most direct Route from Washington to Frederick Town
and as they are now on their March, you will be in want of them to march off
your Guard immediately to the Potomac. Probably they will be taken