

When the Guard arrives there, the Commanding Officer must take Charge
 No 906 of the Prisoners and march them to Frederick Town. We have directed the
 Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery Counties to order out the
 select Militia of their respective Counties and have them marched imme-
 diately under their Officers to Frederick Town. The Guard is to be under
 your sole Direction you will appoint Capt. Mountjoy Baily com-
 manding Officer of the Guard under you. We have appointed George
 Murdock Esq. Spuing Commissary, to whom you will occasionally give
 the necessary Directions. As the Barracks will be insufficient to hold
 the Prisoners, we judge the Propriety of appropriating the Poor's House,
 Logged Gaol and every other empty House proper for Barracks, and in
 case you meet with Difficulty in procuring Houses, the Property of
 Individuals, and which may be, without much Inconvenience,
 made Use of in this Way, we hereby authorize you to take Possession
 of any such Buildings which you may deem necessary.
 Col. Philip Thomas.

In Council 2^d Nov^r 1781

Sir
 About two thousand of the Prisoners captured with Lord Cornwallis,
 are to be stationed at Frederick Town, guarded and provided for by this State.
 In consequence of which, we have determined to order out a Guard to consist
 of 300 Men exclusive of Officers, to be furnished out of the select Militia of
 Montgomery, Frederick, and Washington Counties; you will therefore
 907 order out immediately one Company of select Militia to be composed
 of 80 Rank and File with their Officers, and have them marched to
 Frederick Town without Delay, where they will be subject to the Orders
 of Philip Thomas Esq. Lieutenant of Frederick County.
 To the Lieutenants of Montgomery
 and Washington Counties }

In Council 5th Nov^r 1781

Sir
 We wrote you on the 2^d ult^a appointing you Spuing Commissary
 for the British Prisoners to be quartered in or near Frederick Town,
 which Business we wish you to undertake. Directions are given to
 900 forward a considerable Number of Beef cattle to you, from the
 several Counties, and Mr. Salhoun is called on to furnish you with
 Salt to cure the Beef, when slaughtered; we wish you, in the mean Time
 to make the necessary Arrangements for the Reception and safe keeping
 the Provision
 George Murdock Esq.

In Council 5th Nov^r 1781

Sir
 We are informed there are a Number of the Militia Draughts
 and Substitutes in and about George Town who are useless and an Expence
 909 to the State, we therefore request you to give them a Discharge and send
 them off to their respective Homes.
 John Murdock Esq. Lt. of Montg^y County.

In Council 5th Nov^r 1781

Sir. Mr. Joshua George the Continental Quartermaster at George Town, informs
 us that he is under great Difficulties for Beef Barrels and has no Means
 of procuring them. We request you to dispose of thirty Barrels of the
 910 public Flour in your Hands, to be laid out in Pork or Beef Barrels and
 deliver them to Col. George, taking his Receipt and making a Return in
 your Account of such Delivery. The Auditor states all Accounts for
 Waggonage and Pasturage upon Certificates being produced to him.
 W. Thomas Beall of George.