

In Council 26th Dec^r 1701

972 Sir. Lieut. Col^o North informs the Board that he has received Orders from the Board Minister of War to remove all the British Troops from Frederick, to York and Lancaster in Pennsylvania, and to apply for a Guard of Militia and Teams from this State, to escort them with their Baggage, to those Places, where they will be relieved by a Continental Regiment. We some Time ago ordered one Hundred Militia from Baltimore and fifty from Montgomery which we suppose are arrived at Frederick Town; we request you to order them and as many more of the Militia now on Duty, as will be sufficient to guard the Prisoners. If Teams cannot be procured on Hire, we would have you impress them, and hereby authorize and empower you to impress as Teams, Horses and Drivers as may be necessary for the Prisoners and the Guard. We hope the Guard and Teams will be furnished without Delay, that the Prisoners may be immediately marched.
Col^o Philip Thomas

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973 Sir. We received yours of the 22^d Instant by Major Bailey, and have wrote to Col^o Thomas Lieutenant of Frederick County, to order a sufficient Guard of Militia to escort the Prisoners to their Destination, and have empowered him to impress as many Teams, Horses and Drivers as may be necessary for the Prisoners and the Guards to be sent with them. It is not in our Power to furnish a Warranting of Specie to the Officers of the Line, we have no other than Bills of Credit of this State, which cannot issue but as Specie and, we understand, they will not pass in Frederick. We hope and expect, the Prisoners will be marched off immediately, that the Militia may not be on Duty longer than necessary at this inclement Season
Lieut. Col^o North

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974 Sir. If you have any Linen or Cotton, or any other Article, in your Possession belonging to the State, we wish you to embrace the first Opportunity of sending them to this Place, as the Soldiers here are much distressed for Cloathing.
Christopher Eden Esq^r

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975 Sir. Your Letter respecting the Horses is received. The one fit for Service, you will send immediately to Governor Lee's Plantation, whose Servant will be there in three or four Days, and will deliver him to the Quartermaster at this Post; the others you will dispose of for the best Price you can obtain.
Col^o George Stricker

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976 Sir. We wish it was in our Power to give you a satisfactory Answer to your Letter of the 13th Instant, respecting the Supply of Wood to the Prisoners and Guards, but such is our Situation, that we cannot make any positive Engagement for Payment, in any other Manner than with the Money of the late Emission, which may not make you an adequate Compensation, as it must issue as Specie, but being sensible of the Necessity of immediately furnishing the Prisoners and Guards at Frederick Town with Wood, induces us to offer Payment in either Tobacco at the Market Price on Patowmack at 16/10 per 100 in Frederick at 12/6 per 100. If this Proposal is agreeable, an Order for the Tobacco or Flour will be immediately transmitted to you, on the Delivery of the Wood. Our Army are in great Distress for Shoes, which we are endeavoring in any other Manner, would be supplying them of the same Quality of that Article. Wth Dear, in consequence of your Application, is appointed
Thomas Eden Esq^r