

In Council 1st January 1702

901 Sir Col^o Rawlings informs the Board that you have a quantity of public Salt in your Hands, more than sufficient for present Demands, and as he has contracted with the Board for the Beef in your Possession, which he says will require salting immediately, we request you to let him have what you can spare, he having engaged to return it to you, whenever you may want it. We wrote you yesterday to appoint two Gentlemen to estimate the Weight of the Beef on Foot, on consideration, we think Col^o Rawlings ought to have the Appointment of one, we therefore desire you to let one be of his appointing
(Col^o Thomas Price).

In Council 2^d Jan^y 1702

902 Sir We are honored with your Favor of the 17th ult^o and are exceedingly concerned that the last Dispatches we forwarded, were so long on their Way. Perfectly coinciding in Opinion with you, that the Delay of Dispatches may be attended with the most fatal consequences, and ever desirous of manifesting you Sir, that we shall be particularly attentive in forwarding any Letters of yours which may, in future, pass through our Hands. The Chain of Expresses shall be established from Alexandria through this State, according to the Plan you settled with General Washington.
His Ex^{ty} Count Rochambeau

In Council 2^d Jan^y 1702

903 Sir We were yesterday honored with your Letter of the 21st ult^o and shall give Directions that the Line of Posts be continued from Alexandria through this State. We have written to the Count de Rochambeau to this Effect and we hope his Apprehensions of unnecessary Delay of his Dispatches will be removed. We are greatly obliged by your Excellency's Communication, respecting Joseph Shoemaker: From the Information that can be obtained, we are induced to believe he originally resided in Pennsylvania, and removed from thence to Virginia and was an Inhabitant of your State when the Depredations alluded to by you, were committed. If so, we need not suggest the Impropriety of our receiving him. What Testimony can be procured here against him shall be communicated.
The Governor of Virginia

In Council 3^d Jan^y 1702

904 Sir Yours of the 22^d ult^o was not received by the Board until the 1st Inst. We cannot approve of the Conduct of the Field Officers in promising the Militia who were ordered to Frederick, that they should be relieved in one Month, when the Law directs they shall serve two. The Precedent would be attended with very disagreeable Consequences, for if one Part of the Militia should be indulged, others will expect and require the like Indulgence. By that Means the Time would expire before they render any Service, the Militia be kept continually in Motion, to little or no Purpose, and the Law made for their Regulation would remain a dead Letter; you must therefore order the Militia now on Duty, to perform their Tour agreeable to the Directions of the Law and of our Letter of the 3^d ult^o.
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Lieut. Balt. County }