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In Council 5th February 1702

1010. Sir We receive Applications daily, from Soldiers who alledge they have been Prisoners with the Enemy, for an Advance of five Pounds. The Board, in making the Resolution for the Advance of £5, had in View only those who had been confined in Charles Town and came into Virginia in a Captive Vessel. Many who have applied, have not been Prisoners but a small Time, some only a few Days. We wish to relieve, as much as in our Power, the Distresses of the poor fellows, but we cannot justly advance to all who may have been Prisoners; any of those who came into Virginia in the Captive, and others who may have been wounded and Prisoners, who have not recovered of their Wounds, we would advance to, and are ready to draw a Sum of Money to any Person you may appoint, to be advanced to Persons within the above Descriptions, on your Order.

General Smallwood

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1019. Sir This is intended to countermand the Orders contained in our Letter of the 30th ult.

Thomas Sellers Esq. Nav. Off. 1st District.

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1020. Sir We are sorry that the Situation of your Family will not permit your going to the Southward immediately. The Resolution of the Assembly on the Subject being positive, and it being absolutely necessary that the Officers and Soldiers should be possessed of their Certificates, in Time to avail themselves of the Law intended for their Benefit, directing the Sale of Lands for Officers Certificates &c. previous to the 1st of July next, we have it not in our Power in our Power to consent to the least Delay in the Settlement of their Accounts, and have therefore appointed Mr. John Johnson to succeed you, to whom you will deliver over all your public official Papers.

William Wilkins Esq.

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1021. Sir Mr. Stephen Steward, to whom the Spanish Dollars were delivered by Capt. Martin, has directed them to be restored, to our Order, and we had Nothing in View in commencing the Suit against Capt. Martin, but to enforce a Compliance with our Demand, we request you to have the Debt struck off, on his paying the Costs which have accrued.

Luther Martin Esq. Att. Genl.

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1022. Sir We enclose you an Order in the Lemnistry of Baltimore County for 3000 Bushels of Wheat, which we request you to sell for Specie, out of which, pay over £600. to Stephen Steward, junr. of Baltimore, and transmit us his Receipt.

Capt. George P. Meeparts