

where you will please order them to be relieved by a like number of Regular troops who will convey them by water if the passage be safe otherwise by land to the head of Elk and so to the verge of the province and deliver them to an officer of the Regulars or Militia in the lower counties to be thence transmitted to Philadelphia or wherever they may be ordered by the Honble Continental Congress. The expense you will charge to the Province and render the account to the Council of Safety or the Convention as may be most convenient.

To Col W^m Smallwood. We are yr most obed^t Servts.

Gentlemen. We have just ^{now} received a resolution of Congress and an advertisement, Copies of which we send inclosed. We also transmit you a copy of a letter sent us by the Committee appointed to devise ways and means for retaking Mores Kirkland, of the Council of Safety of Virginia. and are Gent. of most obed^t Servts.

Sir. You will please deliver 271 Quarter Barrels of powder belonging to this Province that arrived at Indian River together with seventy pounds of Musket Balls, two traps Blunder Buses and twelve swords to the officer that may be appointed to guard the same to Chestertown in Maryland, who will deliver this letter; and any expenses you may have been at in landing or guarding the same shall be paid on application to —

Yr most obed^t Servts.

To Mr Thomas Russell.

Sir. We have wrote to the Committee of Observation of Kent County to hire waggons to go to Indian River in Sussex County in order to convey from thence a quantity of powder, Ball &c to Chestertown and as it will be expedient that a guard should attend the carriers of the powder we request you would order one of your Lieutenants with ten men to accompany the waggons down & guard them on their way back to Chestertown. The greatest care & attention is recommended to the officer you intrust on this duty.

Yr humble Servts.

To Capt Edw Vesey.

Sir. We received yours of the 23rd April last inclosing list of prisoners to be safely kept in this Province, also list of those to be conveyed to Pennsylvania; we have given the necessary orders on the occasion; the expenses we shall defray for the present not doubting but our Province will hereafter be reimbursed.

We have since received a letter from your Congress with a list some what different from yours. We shall transmit copies to Pennsylvania. You will be pleased to send us a written memorial or state of their case so far as relates to the prisoners to be confined here, that we may know how to treat them properly.

To the Committee of Safety. We are yr most obed^t Servts.

For North Carolina per order.

Sir. We send you inclosed a list of the Prisoners from North Carolina as also Copies of the Letters we have received from the Congress there and Committee of Safety. You will please give the necessary orders for having the prisoners conveyed safe to Philadelphia, or to such place as may be directed by the Honble Continental Congress or Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania. Be pleased also to send copies of the Letters forward by express.

To the Honble Congress of Safety at Wilmington, New Castle County. We are yr most obed^t Servts.

Sir