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[Jo. Baxter, Balt. to Gov. Lee]

Sir Previous to my receiving Charge of the Goal, Joel Higgenbottom made his Escape and has not since been apprehended, therefore suppose it unnecessary to transmit the papers to your Excellency

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[Th Johnson, Fred Town to Gov. Lee]

Sir presuming the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council has the Power of imprisoning a dangerous Person I inclosed you a Copy of a Commitm<sup>t</sup> of one Wall as such by Doct<sup>r</sup> Thomas who I think was notailable though M<sup>r</sup> Young and M<sup>r</sup> Scott thought otherwise. this Wall is thought by D<sup>r</sup> Thomas to be very much devoted to the British Officers and from what has past no Body can doubt his best Services in bringing or carrying Intelligence. the Letters were brought in a tin Case a circumstance left out of the comm<sup>t</sup> and probably would not have been heard of but for one of our people being mixed in a Crowd of the British who got about Wall on his Return from Virg<sup>a</sup>. If you and the Council should think proper to commit Wall I think it ought to be to some other prison than this and as it appears to me it will be a very ill consequence and Example that this man should be suffered to go at large in our State

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[John Randall, Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Sir I was just Setting out for this place when Cap<sup>n</sup> Keeports arriv'd at Camp with the Officers & Soldiers Cloathing, I had before his Arrival made the inclosed purchase at Morris Town I wish I had extended it to the Article of Rum. I find it higher than I conceiv'd it possible, from ninety to a hundred Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Gallon. I shall purchase Tobacco and Soap for a two Months Supply for the Officers and Soldiers. The Ballance of the Money sent I shall lay out in Rum with half of what was sent for the Recruiting Service, General Gist thinks it may be replac'd from the State before it will be wanted this will go but little way in supplying that extravagant article.

The General has inclos'd a list of Articles, the Officers propose taking in lieu of the Stated Allowance this will save so considerable a Sum, Monthly, that it induced me to issue accordingly if this should not be approvd of, the extra Articles they now Receive I can deduct hereafter. As the Act of Assembly has not provided for, nor precluded the Brigade Staff Officers acting in the Maryland Brigades. Chaplains, Commissaries, Forrage and Waggon Masters I wish to be instructed, fully with respect to them, also the Baron De Calb and his Aids, who are not of the Maryland line, I beg likewise to know if supplies are to be issued for January past and whether the Officers on furlough are to receive the back supplies on their return to Camp. Some of them wish to have money paid them in lieu thereof, others give their mess mates orders to receive for