

Cromwell, James Bosley first Lieut. John Jones second Lieut. Greenbury Wyly Ensign. Vincent Talbott first Lieut. Thomas Chinworth second Lieut. Neale Hale jun^r Ensign of Capt. Benjamin Talbotts Comp^y. Tilley Haile first Lieut, and Thomas Cox second Lieut of Capt. Stephen Gills Comp^y belonging to the Gunpowder Upper Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

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We have the Pleasure to congratulate you upon the Reduction of the Enemy's Posts at York and Gloster. We have not seen the Particulars of the Capitulation, but in general they are nearly the same as those granted to Gen^l Lincoln at Charles Town. The English Troops marched out with cased Colours and laid down their Arms, then were marched back into Town unarmed, the Number between 5 & 6000 Men. The Officers to be on Parole and to keep their private Baggage, but all Property plundered or captured to be restored upon Proof to the Former Owners. The British Merchants and Traders to keep their Goods and Effects, but the United States to have the Right of Preemption. The Refugees to be delivered up to the Civil Powers. Count De Grasse has Notice of the Intention of Gen^l Clinton and the British Navy to relieve Lord Cornwallis, and is preparing to meet them. Altho we cannot depend to absolute Certainties, yet we will not deny ourselves the Pleasure of communicating what has come to our Knowledge.

[Council to General Washington.]

Ibid.

We received by a Letter from the Count De Grasse, and verbally by Col^o Tilghman the important and most agreeable Intelligence of Lord Cronwallis's Surrender. Permit us to offer our most sincere and affectionate Congratulations to your Excellency on this great and memorable Event. At present, we are not informed of all the Particulars of the Capitulation, but understand the Refugees are to be Subject to the Civil Powers of the States from whence they fled. Many within that Description have absconded from this State, three of the Names of Hayman, Hayward and French, whose Conduct since joining the Enemy have rendered them peculiarly obnoxious. We think it incumbent on us to desire that all such Persons may be sent to this State and we flatter ourselves that the Negroes and other Kind of Property which were captured or plundered from the Citizens of this State may be recovered. Our State Boat the Dolphin, then commanded by Capt. William Middleton with a French Officer on Board going Express from the Marquis de la Fayette to the French Fleet last Spring was by Order of the French Officer ran, by Mistake along side the British Ship Royal Oak and captured, the Captain and his Crew remain in Captivity. Unwilling as we are to trouble your Excellency on any Occasion, yet we cannot, consistent with our Duty,

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