

[Dan Bowly, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

November 21

Having learnt that you will grant permission to a certain number of Vessells to load Provisions for the purpose of importing Salt into the State, and that those permits will be extended even to Ports within the British Dominions, a few of us have agreed to embark in the Scheme, if Captain Croxall (who is one of the Concern) think the matter practicable, upon being informed fully of the nature of the permits and other circumstances relative thereto: Capt. Croxall waits upon you for this purpose.

[Moses Rawlings, D. C. Gl. of Prisn'rs, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.] (favour of Col^o Skinner)

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I have the Honour to inform your Excellency that Col^o Thomas and myself is of the opinion that it will be much best to keep the whole of the Prisoners at this Post, as it will be of Infinite less expence to the State and will take such a Number less of the Militia to Guard them, and should M^r Morris Take up the matter to supply them by Contract, it will be much the best to have the whole Together. 'Tis almost as convenient to send the provisions from Washington County to this Place as to send it to Fort Frederick as our principal Mills are on Antieatem.

The number of Prisoners at this post is about 1500. Including the Guards the Daily Issues will be about 1800 Rations.

The winter Season is fast approaching your Excellency will see The necessity of laying in a proper Magazine at this Time, a great deal of Pork might be now Bought; and I believe very cheap provided the purchasers could be furnished with hard Cash, if we do not buy it and very soon, it will all go to Virginia and Pennsylvania as the upper Counties lay so convenient to those States

I hope your Excellency will order up all the Cattle Bought in the Lower Counties to this Post as they must fall away Daily, we are in great want of Salt at this post.

I hope it will be in your Excellencys power to send me about £100. in order to Buy Forage for the Public Horses and to Enable me to pay Waggoners Wood cutters &c. &c

Colonel Skinner Comm^y General of Prisoners who will have the Honour to deliver this, can give you the particulars respecting the Prisoners.

NB. I have three or four Public Horses which unfitt for the Waggon Service—likewise upper and Soal Leather exchanged for Public Hides which your Excellency will be pleased to direct me in what manner to dispose of them