

December 20
Red Book
No. 29
Letter 3²

[George Jackson, Head of Chester, to the Council.]

In consequence of a warrant directed to the Lieut. of Kent county in January last, I was apprehended my books and papers seized on suspicion of having Purchased large quantities of grain for the use of the Enemy in consequence of which warrant I appeared before your honble body & was discharged but neglected asking for my books & papers, the bearer therefore waits on your honours, for the Purpose of receiving them provided it will be no Injury to the state to deliver them to him, the Book is marked George Jackson & C^o & the Invoices Mann & Lea, if M^r Mann's books can be had it also will oblige me as many of the Accounts Interfere with mine and I cannot make a settlement without them & should you require them again they shall be delivered within one month from the time I receive them.

December 22

[And. Buchanan to Gov. Lee.]

Yours of the 3 Int. came to hand the 13 I then Orderd out from Co^l Smith Battalion 100 men who marched on this day, in Order to induce them to march with expedition, their field officers hath Promised to relieve them with an Equal number at the end of one month, this may not be amiss altho a little inconsistent, the guard in future from here now I Presume must be kept up in this way as it will be dificult to get the succeeding milita to Continue the 2 months, the Country militia have no arms I suppose that they may be had for the guard at Fred^k Town. Your answer by the first opper^y will be necessary as the mili^a in the County will be hard to move and must have a long notice of their march

December 22 [C. North, Lt. Colo., to His Excellency The Governor of the State of Maryland and the Hon^{ble} Council.]

I have it in command, from the Minister of War to remove all the British Troops at this Post and Winchester to York Town and Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania, and by the following Extract, from my instructions you will see that I am to solícite your Aid in furnishing the necessary Guards and Teams

“After taking a View of the Barracks and Hutts at Frederick Town, if you find they will contain all the Germans—you will then proceed to Winchester, and there make Application to the County Lieutenant for guards and Teams to Escort the Whole to Frederick Town. Halt the Germans there and proceed with the British, under the Escort which shall be furnished you by the State of Maryland. to York Town, where they will be met by a Continental Regiment from Lancaster.”