

[Council to Col^o Philip Thomas]

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It being impossible for us to judge of the Truth of the Facts set forth in the enclosed Petition, we request you will, after giving the Parties concerned due Notice, make Enquiry into them, and report to us whether they be well founded. If you find it necessary to take any Depositions on the Occasion, you will be pleased to transmit them to us also. Major Bailey having the Command of the Guard, and being responsible for the Conduct as well as Security of the Prisoners, ought undoubtedly to be allowed to make such proper internal Regulations as have been usual in like Cases; but we would by no Means countenance such as unnecessarily bear hard upon any of the Inhabitants, especially those who are most liable to suffer from the Prisoners. We are willing to believe that the Fact respecting the Confinement of People, for complaining to the Officer of the Guard &^{ca} is greatly exaggerated, or entirely misrepresented; as we know of no situation or Circumstance which could justify such Conduct in an Officer. If it is absolutely necessary to erect an Hospital immediately, and it can be done at little Expence, the Public Timber at Frederick may be put to that Use; though if this Building can be delayed without Prejudice, 'til you can apply to the Minister of the War Department for his Approbation (as the Expence will be Continental) we should prefer it. Should it not be necessary to erect an Hospital, you will dispose of the Timber on the best Terms in your Power. Abraham Miller of your County has petitioned to be relieved from a Fine imposed on him by a Court Martial; as the Proceedings of the Court have not been transmitted we cannot take his Case into Consideration. You will therefore be pleased to transmit them by the first Opportunity.

[Council to Col^o Richard Barnes]

Ibid.

We are favored with yours of the 12th Inst^t and are greatly obliged by the Information it contains. The first Moment we had any certain Accounts of the Enemy's Depredations, we took Measures to put the Barges in Motion and we expected three of them would have been in Readiness by this Time, to proceed against the Enemy, but are disappointed; however we flatter ourselves that by Tuesday or Wednesday next, we shall be able to afford effectual Security, against the present Force in the Bay, to all above the Mouth of Potowmack

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Philemon Warfield, seven pounds four shillings and eleven pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} due him in lieu of an Order on the Treasurer of the 11 of May 1781 in his favor for twenty pounds, fourteen Shillings as adjusted and passed.—