and the Council will be so good as to take order therein & you will Greatly oblige yours —

The following is a Copy of the Letter from the war office to me

War office Dec 19th 1777

Sir

you will receive a Number of Prisoners of war at Frederick Town which you will be pleased to take under your Care & put under proper Guards agreable to such Requisition as you shall receive from the Commissary Genl of Provisions or his Deputy — It is supposed that the Poor House might be fitted to receive the prisoners untill they can be provided for otherwise — but you will judge of this — It will never do for them to go at Large

I have the Honor to be
your very obd Servt
Richard Peters
By order of the Bd war

To the Lieut of
Frederick County
Maryland

There are several men belonging to the Companys in Town which are not able to undergo a Campain & would be able to stand Guard in Town — If your Honour should be of opinion with me I think it will be best to order them to stand as aguards there two months over the prisoners & Magazine

I pray dont fale in giving me some Directions about the prisoners of war for I think our Magazine will be in danger if there is not aguard over the prisoners or sent away —

This day I was informed that there was 130 prisoners of war more on there way for this place — If they are as great villions as part of those here already I know not what to do with them

I have the Honor to be
your very obd Servt
Beatty