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Philadelphia April 15 1777.

There are a number of Scotch Prisoners at Baltimore on their way to be exchanged. The Cartel being at present at an end, it is thought advisable that the prisoners proceed no further, Colo. Simms of the 10th Virginia Regt. under whose care they now are, has orders to apply to the Government of your State to receive from him such of the Prisoners as are in Maryland, to be conveyed to a place of Security. You will be pleased to give Orders that some convenient place for their reception be provided, and the Prisoners safely escorted thither. A Detachment of the Prisoners who are now at Newcastle are ordered to Lancaster, but as that place was appointed for the residence of the Hessians, it is feared there is not room for many other Prisoners & that therefore Frederick town will be the most proper place for those now in Maryland of the Scotch Regiment.

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I have the honor to be
Your most obt. Humble Servt.
Richard Peters Secy

His Excellency Gov Johnson

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