Dorset County 24th July 1779

Sir

47 Yesterday I rec'd an Express from Colo George Dashiell informing me that between Sixty and Seventy British Prisoners had been landed in Sinnepuxent Inlet by a Capt. Barrd who had captured the Harlem Sloop of War and that he expected the Prisoners would be at Vienna today under the Escort of a Guard of Somerset Militia and requesting me to relieve his Guard there; which I have ordered to be done and expect the Prisoners will be conducted to Cambridge on Monday next

I shall keep the Prisoners at Cambridge under Guard till your Excellency shall be pleased to send Craft to transport them to Annapolis, which I am to hope will be as soon as possible; unless you should chuse to have them marched by Land to Kent Island

I shall be glad to receive your Excellency's Orders concerning those Prisoners by the Return of the Express

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Excellency's most
obed. Hble Servt
Henry Hooper