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On the 2d Instant I received the Honor of Your Excellency's Letter of the 8th Ult.o and also one from the Board of War on the same subject. The information the Council had received, of particular States having made exchanges of prisoners taken by them for Officers belonging to their line, was well founded. It has been done in several instances, tho without any interference in the business on my part — and therefore I could not but direct the Commissary of prisoners on Your Excellency's application and the Board of War's opinion that it was also warranted by a late Act of Congress respecting prisoners in the like predicament, to propose to the Enemy the Exchange of Colo Ramsay for Colo Conolly. For my own part I have wished to see the Exchanges of prisoners conducted on the broadest & most general footing — in the order of their captivity — as being the most equitable mode, and that all taken from the Enemy whether by the

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