

for

Sir,

We are directed by Congress to request that you will be pleased to appoint a sufficient Guard to take into their custody sixty four prisoners, taken on board the British sloop of war *Karlem* by Captain Barry Esq, and landed at *Sinepuxon* on the 10th instant by Captain John Young, and order them to be brought up here as soon as possible, at the most moderate expence practicable. The expences will be paid on their arrival here, of which you may inform the officer who shall have them in charge. If they shall have been secured & sent to Annapolis, it is well, but if not you may take the steps above-mentioned: They have been put on shore, but not taken in charge by any person, tho' Colo: Purnell, Colo: Handley & Mr: John Bailiff were applied to for that purpose.

We are, Sir, with great regard,
Philadelphia

In Congress
Your Excellency's
July 22. 1779.

most obedient humble servants

Tho: M. Heath

John Dickinson

answered the 30th
July 1779.

His Excellency Caesar Rodney Esquire.

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for

In public service.

His Excellency

Cesar Rodney Esquire,
President of Delaware,

At Dover.

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Letter from
Messrs Mearns
& Dickinson
July 17 1779

forwarded by
your Excellency

Wm. Mearns
Esq. Secy. of the Board