

Civilians in the Delaware

25th Apr. 1843.

Sir

In answer to your letter of this days date, I have to reply that Mr. James Phillips Master's mate of the *Paisley*, went on shore under the protection of a Flag of Truce flying at the mast head of the vessel which conveyed him up the River.

William Prior whom you mention is a citizen of the United States, & would not of course have landed except for the express purpose of saving himself as a Prisoner, and to do which I sent him on board.

With regard to an armed force accompanying a Flag of Truce, I have to observe that Lieut. Lewis who was charged therewith has informed me, that after finding Mr. Phillips had been detained, in violation to the general respect paid thereto; thought it a very necessary precaution for his personal safety; indeed I was much displeased

To the Hon^{ble}

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