

Sir

Inbournil 3^d March 1794.

I contemplate with great pleasure the change which is to take place in the penal laws of the Commonwealth; and feel much Anxiety that no time should be lost in bringing it into complete Operation. The Law having provided to the Executive the purchase of a sufficient Quantity of Land, and the direction of erecting the necessary buildings for the confinement and Accomodation of the convicts; we feel ourselves embarrassed from want of Knowledge in Architecture, to fix upon the proper plan of a building to answer the purposes of the Law. Our thoughts have turned on you, Sir, as best Qualified to give us advice & Assistance in the Execution of this business. I do myself the honor of enclosing the Act of Assembly, and take the liberty of requesting the favor of you, to turn your thoughts to the Subject, and that you will have the goodness to suggest to the Board, your Opinion as to the plan, as well as the Quantity of Land which you may deem necessary for the purpose. I have the honor to be with due consideration and Sincere esteem.

Sir

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Most Ob.^d & Res.

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James Wood.

The Jefferson Esq

Admiral J. Wood 1797

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the purchase of land for the purpose of erecting a temporary building for the accommodation and convenience of the barracks. We feel ourselves indebted to you for the information you have given us in relation to the purchase of the land. We have the pleasure to inform you that the purchase of the land has been approved by the Board of Ordnance and the Secretary of War. We have the honor to inform you that the purchase of the land has been approved by the Board of Ordnance and the Secretary of War. We have the honor to inform you that the purchase of the land has been approved by the Board of Ordnance and the Secretary of War.

Yours truly
 James Wood.

The Secretary of War