

purchased by them tho not taken away particularly
the wine, which is all purchased by them,
but kept in the cellar of the Memorialists
tho not taken away by them from time to time
as they use it; they having in their course
= money for keeping it in

The Memorialist is sorry to trouble
the Hon^{ble} Council so much, but hopes the
circumstances of the case will not only
plead his apology but induce the Hon^{ble}
Council to give an order to Mr. Henry to
return the different articles seized by him

John Sailyour

Memorialist of John
Sailyour
Read in Council July 5.
1782 - 1783

Lancaster July 1st 1782

Unto His Excellency William Moore
Esq. President, & other Members of the Council
of the State of Pennsylvania ~

The Memorial of John Saily our
Store keeper to the British prisoners of war
presently at Lancaster, Little York &c.

The Memorialist by permission of His
Excellency General Washington, in consequence
of an application from Sir Henry Clinton ~
brought in a flag ship from New York, Stores
&c. for the use of the British Prisoners of
war: & on his arrival at Lancaster open'd a
Store for that purpose; and dispos'd of these
articles to the prisoners & their wives only ~
having in consequence of his instructions,
absolutely refus'd to sell the least article
to any inhabitants ~

It gives him sorrow to find, that some
malicious & improper misrepresentation or
information has been made against him to the
Hon^{ble} Council of the State of Pennsylvania,
so as to induce them to issue an order to Mr.
Henry Esq. of the Borough of Lancaster, to enquire
concerning & inspect the Store open'd by the
Memorialist, "and if it should appear that
"any goods Wares or Merchandize shall be
"found therein other than made up uniform

"uniforms for the prisoners, to take possession of the
"said store, with all the merchandise therein contained
" & report to this Board, placing a sufficient
" Guard to secure the same until the further
" Orders of this Board"

1st July 1722.

In consequence of this order Mr Henry
Esq. did at this date seize, the memorialists
store, and having found articles, not under
the above description, tho' in his humble
Opinion not in the least deviating from the
permission given him by General Washington
which particularly mentioned, Table Stows
cloathing & necessaries for the British
prisoners of war, - and so much was the
Memorialist confident of this having acted
uprightly, that how soon as he arrived at
Wilmington, he showed an Inventory of his
whole Stows, to Col. Bedford & Capt. Keane -
and on his arrival at Lancaster showed the
to the commanding officer there, - of consequence
imagined that if any article in that
Inventory appeared to these Gentlemen not
to be within the meaning of the Pass,
that they would have objected to their being
disposed of -

This is the candid account of
Matters, & so far has the Memorialist been
from carrying on a clandestine Trade
That

that he has taken every precaution to prevent
inhabitants imposing on him by pretending to
be soldiers wives, and has on repeated occasions
ordered them out of his store ~

The Memorialist is sorry to observe
in the Preamble to the order given to Mr Henry
that there should be a suspicion of the
money paid him for his goods being sent
to New York; he is happy to inform the
Honble Council that not a farthing of it
is taken out of the State, as he gives it to
the British Officers for their Bills on New York
or Britain ~ and had he more he could dispose
of it in the same manner ~

(With respect to no merchandise
being allowed other than those made up in
uniforms ~ The Memorialist takes the liberty
to observe, that there are many articles which
come from Britain in Pieces for the use of the
Military, that can only be made up at the
Place they are stationed, the Sailors of the
different Regts being always employed for
that purpose & it is also proper to observe that
articles for Officers are never made up till
they are in their possession ~

The Memorialist further takes the
liberty to mention, that several of the
articles taken possession of by Mr Henry
are the private property of Officers, being
purchased