

on duty suffers much for camp kettles it is with the greatest difficulty they can get their rations dressed and is often obliged to broil their meat as numbers of the inhabitants will neither lend nor hire them pots I request the favour of your Excellency to order a few Camp kettles to be sent to me if they can be spared. The company ordered from Dorset to compel the payment of the taxes in pocomoke and Annemessix Hundred have this day come into the County.

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The people in this county will not enter as select Militia men, we were not able to procure a single man out of either of the Battalions

[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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I have this moment received a Letter from the Marquis at the Head of Elk requesting that all the Vessels at this port might be sent immediately to receive the Troops, who are waiting to embark—he complains much of his disappointment there being but very few Vessels at Elk.

I shall have a meeting of the Merch^{ts} this Ev^g, and expect they will adopt some mode to forward such Sea Vessels as are here to morrow, if not I hope and expect your Excellency & Council will excuse me for taking possession of such Vessels and impressing hands for the purpose of forwarding this important expedition.

NB. I am afraid there will not be vessels sufficient for the Troops.

[Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

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By the enclosed Act of Congress of the 3^d Instant your Excellency will be informed that all the Convention Troops both in Virginia & Maryland are to be removed to Yorktown & Lancaster or such other Places in the State of Pennsylvania as the Executive of that State shall assign for their reception: and the State of Maryland is requested to superintend the removal, Safe keeping & supply of the German Corps from Noland's Ferry on Potowmack, and the British now at Frederick town, through Maryland to the Borders of Pennsylvania, and to continue the Guards until the British Prisoners arrive at Yorktown & the Germans at Lancaster, or such other Places as the Executive of Pennsylvania shall appoint for their reception. The supplies both for the Prisoners & Escort are to be furnished by Pennsylvania after they arrive within the Borders of that State.

If the Prisoners taken by Gen^l Morgan in the Action at the Cowpens should be removed to the Northward through Virginia, it is necessary to include them also

I need not point out to your Excellency the Necessity & Importance of supplying a sufficient Guard, & especially a Commanding Officer equal to the Task to prevent Desertion or any other Impediment to the Execution of these Orders