

[G^o Washington Head Quarters New Windsor to His Excellency
Governor Lee]

June 7
Brown Book
No. 1
Letter 41

By a Resolve of Congress of the 31st of May two Battalions of Infantry and a Corps of Horse consisting of Sixty four Dragoons are required of the State of Maryland to serve for three Months from the Time of their respectively rendezvouring at the Place or Places directed by me. Your Excellency has no Doubt, been made acquainted that the foregoing Requisition is founded upon the alarming Progress which the Enemy are making in Virginia. You will be pleased therefore to give Orders to the Officers commanding the respective Corps to march by Detachment as they are raised and equipped to whatever Place may be the Head Quarters of the American Army in Virginia or in Maryland (should the Enemy have advanced into that State) and take their further Commands from the General or other commanding Officer. I need but refer your Excellency to the Circular Letter of the President of Congress of the 1st ins^t for the Reasons which ought to influence the Exertions of Your State most particularly at this Moment.

I have the Honor to be with great respect Your Excellency's Most Obed^t & very humble Serv^t

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

June 8
Red Book
No. 27
Letter 90

I am honor'd with M^r Brice's Letter Inclosing a Law for supplies of Clothing &c under which I have my appointment. I Had before (Under your Excell^y's order) provided nearly the quantity of Clothing, order'd, it will be Completed in a very few days, when I shall make my returns in Ten Days I shall have 200 Compleat suits of every kind of apparell ready, & in Three weeks you may be assur'd of receiving the whole 500 suits of Clothes I Have had no order for any particular Number of Tents, if I am to supply them, I shall have occasion for another 100 Hhds Tobacco, M^r Keeports Demands will be pretty large. I Have already supplied him with 1200 lbs. Lead at 14^d & 15^d & Have sent to Philad^a for a Ton & Have written to Philad^a respecting arms. I Have dispos'd of a part & sent for the remainder of the Tobacco which will meet with a good Sale at Philad^a. you may rest assur'd that Nothing shall be wanting on my part to Expedite this very necessary Business. I would referr to your Hon^{ble} Board the propriety of shipping 100 Hh^{ds} Tobacco to france to procure Fall supplies, from hence or from Philad. or both, I believe good Vessells at one Half might be had to take in at the warehouses Clear of Expences, this is more advantageous than at 2/5 in Philad^a the Diff. being more than sunk in Charges (Independent of the Risk) I do not Consider the risk from this Bay great at present, at Bottom you have a Calculation on such Voyage, should you Order an 100 Hhds Tobacco on acco^t of Tents please direct the Treasurer to forw^d Elk Ridge if any, or any that he has in Choptank.