

Lethargy & try the most strenuous Efforts to endeavour to check the Progress of the Enemy the war must be brought into our Bowells immediately—you will therefore see the necessity of anticipating this event by ordering the men to be raised and forwarded with all possible dispatch

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You will observe General Green's letter without Date or place the Baron supposes him at Charlotte, but I should rather think him further on his Retreat and Cornwallis advanced least to Salisbury or the Moravian Town which must place him in a Position above General Green to the Westward & of course upon a direct line nearer the Frontiers of Virginia.

[Steuben, Maj. Gen'l, Richmond, to Major Gen. Smallwood.]

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Dear General Soon after you left this State, the Enemy took post at Portsmouth where they have remained very quietly ever since. A sufficient number of Militia are collected to prevent their making incursions into the Country, but not to attempt any thing against them while they remain where they are. With respect to the Southern Army this State is perfectly Lethargic, not a man is yet raised on the new plan, & it has been with the greatest pains that about 400 men now at Chesterfield Court H<sup>o</sup> have been tolerably clothed & I hope will be ready to march by the 20<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>

Gen<sup>l</sup> Greenes situation notwithstanding his late successes is very disagreeable & calls for the immediate exertions of this state of Maryland I must beg you My dear General to push your state to raise & send on a reinforcement without delay to the Southern Army.

By the enclosed you will perceive that something must be done without loss of time, Gen<sup>l</sup> Greene in the hurry of business forgot to date his letter but I suppose he must be somewhere near Charlotte

[Nat. Greene to Gen. Steuben.]

Since I wrote you by Major Giles Lord Cornwallis has been constantly in pursuit of Gen<sup>l</sup> Morgan & has burnt his Waggons & equip'd his army in such a manner as to move with the greatest facility his force is about 2500 men. Gen. Morgan by forced marches kept out of the reach of his Lordship & has got off his Prisoners in safety, but it was partly owing to the happy intervention of a great storm which raised the Catabaw so high that the Enemy could not cross, During which time the Prisoners were pushed on over the Yadkin & an on their march for Virg<sup>a</sup>

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The moment I got intelligence that the Enemy were penetrating the Country, I put the Army in motion upon the Pedee & left it under the command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Huger & cross'd the country with a small Escort in order to collect the Militia & make head against the Enemy until we could make a junction of our forces, we made the