

April 9 [Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Honble Matthew
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You will receive enclosed An Act of Congress of the 8th Instant recommending to the Executives of the States of Delaware, Maryland & Virginia respectively to take immediate measures for the removal of all public stores and also all provisions & forage public & private which will not be necessary for the consumption of the inhabitants on the Peninsula between the Chesapeak and Delaware Bays to prevent such articles falling into the enemy's hands: I should suppose it equally expedient to include valuable horses tho' they are not mentioned in the Act.

This recommendation is in consequence of intelligence received from New York the substance of which is prefixed to the enclosed Act altho it is presumed you will have received the intelligence before this comes to hand. As future events must determine with certainty the designs of the enemy so future intelligence may influence the measures now recommended yet it is to be hoped such precautions may be taken as will prevent any valuable supplies of any kind falling into the Enemy's hands should they attempt to execute their designs as reported.

April 9 [James Lloyd, Chester Town, to the Governor and Council]

I have the honor to inform you that the Marquiss Fayette who left my Fathers yesterday morning has a Letter from Col^o Morris Aid de Camp to Gen^l Greene which contains some very agreeable Intelligence. Col^o Morris writes that on the 23 ult^o L^d Cornwallis was retreating precipitately. That on one day he left our Wounded on the road and the next a Captain and upwards of seventy of his own wounded. That Gen: Greenes Army was under marching orders after him. The distance between them fourteen miles. That by reinforcements received after the action Gen: Greene's army was superior to the Enemy. I congratulate your honors on this Intelligence. I think it my duty to inform you that M^r N. Hynson of Eastern Neck Island has in his possession an eight oar barge and two guns belonging to her the property of this State M^r Spencer who keeps the Ferry at Rock Hall, says she is a very fine vessel. Capt. Benjamin Wickes has a 6 oar barge which he found by the side of his Vessel after she blew up. M^r Spencer says she is not in very good order but may be easily repaired. Doct^r Smith informs us that Gen^l Wayne with twelve hundred Pennsylvania Troops was to march to the southward by way of Lancaster. I must repeat my request to be favored as early as possible with an Answer to my last Letter to your Honors.