

Capt. Joseph Middletons Vessel, a Schooner Boat, has been impressed by our Order, to go to the Head of Elk to Transport Troops from thence to Virginia, but as she is at present engaged in the Public Service she is to return from Baltimore to Annapolis.

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Lieut. James Ewing. You are to take under your Care and Direction the Schooner Planters Friend Nath^l Ross. The Schooner Liberty Thomas Dillow. The Schooner Speedwell Thomas Hingson & the Schooner Boat Richard Brewer which Vessels are permitted to touch at Baltimore to unload and from thence you are to proceed with them to the Head of Elk for the Purpose of Transporting a Detachment of the American Army to the State of Virginia. You are to apply to Col^o Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk for further Orders.

Lieut. James Skinner—You are to take under your Care and Direction The Schooner Dispatch, The Schooner Sally Nicholas Valliant, The sloop Fly, The Schooner Sea Flower Thomas Johnson and the Polly Boat John Valliant impressed for the Purpose of Transporting a Detachment of the American Army to the State of Virginia and when you arrive at the Head of Elk you are to apply to Col^o Hollingsworth for further Orders.

[Council to General Smallwood.]

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Sir—No other Information that the Maryland Division is on the March for Carolina has reached this Board, than what is contained in a Letter from the Board of War to Col^o Hollingsworth of the 19th Ins^t a Copy of which that Gentleman sent us and since wrote on the 25th that an Express was just arrived from Head Quarters with Letters advising him of the Route of the Reinforcement for the Southern Army and that the Number originally designed for that Purpose was augmented to 3000, & of the near Approach of their Van, to the Head of Elk. Col^o Hollingsworth had procured only 12 Vessels on the 25th, but as we have given him adequate Powers, to impress Vessels, we flatter ourselves, with what we can get here, he will secure a Sufficient Number to forward the Troops as they arrive, without any material Loss of Time. We have taken the earliest Opportunity of conveying to you every Intelligence we have received respecting the Movement of this Detachment and hope it will reach you in Time to regulate yours. Every Species of Cloathing in the Hands of our Agent in Baltimore Town, necessary for our Troops destined to the Southward we shall draw to this Place, with a View of making a Distribution of them and to that End, have requested Col^o Forrest to apply to the Officer commanding them, to send a Party for them, if he should not touch at this Port on his Way down. We have also advised the Col^o to order the Officers and Men on Furlough and those on the Recruiting Service, to rendezvous immediately at the most convenient of the two Posts of Annapolis and Port Tobacco to be in Readiness to march or embark for Peters-

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