

Red Book  
No. 25 well in the Neighbour<sup>d</sup> of Queen's Town we therefore beg leave to mention M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Fitzsimmons and M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Sudler, And if you think more will be necessary for the conveniency of the Publick, as well for the Executing the Laws &c in Our County, we cheerfully submit the appointm<sup>t</sup> of those ment<sup>d</sup> as well others to your Consideration, and request the fav. of you to lay the said Comm<sup>n</sup>, as well your Recommendation before his Excellency, and pray for an Alteration, we have adjourned the Court untill the 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec. next when we hope to have the Comm<sup>n</sup> returned.

P. S. You'l Please observe to his Excell<sup>y</sup> that M<sup>r</sup> Carradine is moved out of the State and M<sup>r</sup> Phil. Downes of the County.

November  
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[Jas Calhoun D. Q. M. G<sup>t</sup> Baltimore to His Excellency  
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Sir I wrote Your Excellency on friday that a number of Vessels were wanted at Elk to transport Troops to the Southward, since which I have used my utmost endeavours to procure what were necessary and have got same but the owners are so extravagant in their demands that I am distressed to know what to do they ask at least 30/ p day for every Ton Burthen

I wish our Legislature would make some provision for procuring Vessels and Carriages on any emergency the former rates allow'd by it is by no means adequate to the prices of other things and on the other hand people take advantage of any sudden and urgent necessity for Craft or Teams. I hope your Excellency and Council will pardon me if I take the liberty to request you will please mention this matter to the Assembly who probably will make some alteration in the present law.

We have no farther acco<sup>t</sup> of the sick and Wounded French Troops since I had the honor of writing your Excellency last, and are in hopes they will be provided for in Virginia especially if no more arrives than what came in two Ships which are all we yet hear of being in our Bay. Should they come to Baltimore the Board of War hath requested me to apply to Your Excellency & Council for the use of the Barracks at the Fort. Doct<sup>r</sup> Bond deputy Director Gen<sup>l</sup> of the Hospitals has been with me to View them and his opinion is they will not accomodate more than 60 or 70 Men. We have had a House on Rent in Town which has been occasionally occupied as an Hospital and as Barracks and will hold nearly the same number as those at the Fort but this House is greatly out of repair I have given orders to have it fitted up but can scarcely get a Workman to do anything many of our Mechanicks have left the Town & others turned Speculators so that we are diffculted to get the most trifling matter done especially of Carpenters work.

Should the number of these Troops come that we expected they will require more room than these two places and am afraid the