

Red Book
No. 22 Troops & Baggage when embarked must be expected to sail with Western Wind which will detain them in any of the Eastern Shore Creeks, inlets, or Ports untill another Frost may happen, when from the City of Annapolis they may go off with a fair wind (the first of a N. Wester) and be out of danger before a frost can Check them, as you will observe by the inclos'd letters that the Board expects my answer, acquainting them of the probability of success and my opinion of the Possibility of getting Craft. Ile thank you to wright me on the Subject, and also to give your opinion of what place the Troops had best imbark at and when, and what Vessels can be had to carry them

December
17 [Richard Peters, By order, War office to Col Hollingsworth]
Sir On conversing with General Woodford we find that the Virginia Troops must inevitably go down the Bay by Water no Waggon being within our power to convey their Baggage. It seems most probable that the passage immediately by water from Elk will be Obstructed by the Ice, Therefore the Vessells must be collected at some place the least likely to be frozen up & on the Eastern side of Susquehanna Kent Island or Charles Town, to us have been mentioned but you will judge for Yourself being most intimately acquainted with Circumstances, Waggon must be in readiness to convey the Baggage to the place of Embarkation from Elk or indeed from Xteen for if the water Passage be practicible the Troops will take advantage of it, if not the Waggon conveying their Baggage by Land from hence can carry it to the Vessells. We wait with Impatience to hear what your success has been in Collecting Vessells.

December
18 [Tim. Pickering War Office to Colo Hollingsworth]
Sir We have rec^d your letter of the 16th Ins^t by Jiles. For answer relative to Craft to be provided for transporting the Virginia troops we refer you to our letter of yesterday sent off this day by Express, copy of which is inclosed, notwithstanding the difficulties attending their passage by water, we are convinced a land march would be still more embarrassing, and therefore urgently repeat our request that you would spare no pains to procure the necessary number of transports, and collect them at some rendezvous on the eastern shore (the most convenient you can find) that will assuredly remain open notwithstanding the Frosts

December
23 [Henry Lee Junr Maj. Com. Md. Monmouth, to the Honr The
Red Book Delegates in Congress from the State of Maryland
No. 5
Letter
No. 29 Gentlemen. I beg leave to refer to you the enclosed paragraph of a let. from Gen. Smallwood in answer to my application in behalf of the Maryland Officers in my corps.