

Red Book No. 7 the Troops now on their way to the Southward. It was expected that the whole Maryland Line, the Delaware Regiment, a Regiment of Artillery, & the Infantry of Major Lee's corps would have embarked at the Head of Elk & proceeded by water as far as Petersburg in Virginia; But as this will depend upon the operations of the Enemy in Chesapeak, it is not improbable that they may proceed all the way by Land, in which case they will necessarily be greatly indebted to the Executive of your State to expedite their march towards Petersburg. Should the Troops not go down the Chesapeak, we are aware of much difficulty on account of Waggon, with which they can be but very partially supplied here; the residue to enable them to prosecute their march from Petersburg being to be furnished in Virginia, and collected at that place agreeably to orders already given, from a full expectation that the navigation of the Bay, would not be interrupted.

It gives us pain that the Continental embarrassments, arising from the want of money, obliges us so often to trouble the Executives of the States; but without their aid in emergencies depending on the various events of war, the most fatal delays & distresses will ensue. And it is with real Satisfaction, grounded on the chearful & constant exertions of the State of Maryland, we can assure ourselves that nothing practicable which the public necessities may require, will be omitted by your Excellency, & the honble Council on the present occasion.

We have the honor to be with the highest respect y^r Excellency's most obed^t Most Humble Serv^t by ord

April 21 [H. Hollingsworth D. Q. M. Gl. Head of Elk to the Council]

Gentlemen Inclosed is a Report of the Flour Wheat Rye, Corn Oats & C^a Received at this post in this Month, as well from the several State Commissioners, as from the State of Virginia and sent on to Christeen on its way to Philad^a Camp & C^t the flour is all sent forward the Forage is not so forward. Occasioned by the want of Baggs which I am not at present able to purchase for want of Cash, we are the more in want of Baggs, as one of the Continental Brigades of ten teams with about 200 Baggs has been in Queen Anns and Talbot Counties Collecting Grain for this State, since the 10th of March. I have applied to my principles in Office, for Cash to purchase Bags in Lew of those and am put off with a desire to apply to this State not only for this but all other expenses accruing by the procuring Manufacturing and forwarding the supplies of this State (while within the State) as also for Casks and Nails for the flour, your Excellencys and Honors, will observe by the letters, which the bearer M^r Wright has with him that the Millers are continually applying to me for those articles which I have heretofore supply'd them with in part and also paid them for Waggoning the State Wheat, to