

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee; April 22
In Council]

Sir I have chartered the Brigantine Ranger Thomas Johnson master to carry provisions for the fleet & Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies. She mounts Ten four pounders and is prized for fourteen & carries thirty men. As I intend she shall Sail in C^o with & as Convoy for those Vessells for w^h I made Application yesterday, the present serves to Request you'll be so obliging as to send me a permission for this Brig. to receive her Cargo on Board

[Thos Richardson, Georgetown to His Excellency April 23
Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r]

Sir By yesterdays Post I rec^d a letter from Col^o Biddle dated Morris Town 13th Ins^t advising that the Maryland Division were under orders to march to the Southward, he expected they would move on the 15th their Rout is by Baltimore, Snowdens, Georgetown, Alexandria &c. requesting me to assist them with Forage as far as was consistent with the Laws of the State. I apprehend this makes it necessary that I should inform you that there is some Forage in the Magazine here but I apprehend not so much as the Troops will require & request you would consider whether it would not be proper that the Commissioners of this County who have plenty should be directed to supply the Issuing Forage Master here during the present March, provided he has Occasion of their Assistance

I beg leave further to Suggest that the Troops might be benefited by orders being given to the different Commissioners on the Rout they are to march to supply them with Forage, as there are few or no Continental Forage Masters on the Western Shore. I hope the foregoing will not be thought impertinent but if it should I beg it may be imputed to the desire I have to comply with the Requisitions of my Friend & my Zeal for the Publick Service.

[William Smallwood, Portobacco, to Governor Lee]

Sir I wrote you the other day by M^r Hamilton that I had received Advice from the Board of War that the Maryland Division was on the March for Carolina since which I have received no Intelligence respecting them. their route was then announced to be from Trentown by water to Christeen thence to the head of Elk where they were to embark for Petersborough in Virginia if you should have any Intelligence of their Arrival at the head of Elk, observe or hear of their passing Annapolis I should be much obliged to you for the earliest intimation thereof as it wou^d enable me to form a Judgment when and where it would be most eligible to fall in with them. I have received no Instruction from General Washington relative to the

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