

February 28 all possible Dispatch to the Head of Elk to receive the Marquis De la
 Liber C. B. Fayette's Detachment with their Baggage and also to James Calhoun
 No. 24 Esquire to impress all the Vessels in Baltimore for the purpose
 p. 51 aforesaid.

On the application of John Dorsey & C^o to carry Provision to Virginia there to be delivered to the use of the French or American Troops, Permission will be granted on giving Bond and security as may be required.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary furnish all the water Casks he can procure or so many as may be necessary to supply the Vessels impressed in this Harbour for the purpose of transporting Troops.

February 28
 Liber No. 78

[Council to Mr. Donaldson Yeates.]

p. 72 We just received yours of the 27th by M^r Wright and have dispatched one of our fast sailing Boats with the Letters, and have empowered and requested M^r Calhoun to have all the Vessels at Baltimore Town immediately impressed and sent to the Head of Elk in some of which you will receive six hundred Barrels of Bread and what Salt Provison M^r Calhoun can procure in Baltimore. We have enclosed you a Warrant to impress what Carriage Teams and Drivers you may think necessary for removing the Cannon and Stores across from Christeen we have ordered all Vessels from this Place and Baltimore to be impressed for that Service and we have added a Power in the Warrant for you or your Deputy to impress any others which you can obtain.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

It is indispensably necessary that all the Vessels at Baltimore with their Hands should be instantly impressed and sent to the Head of Elk to transport a Detachment of fifteen hundred Troops under the Command of the Marquis De La Fait with their Artillery Baggage &^{ca} from thence to Virginia, and we do therefore hereby empower and request you to have them impressed and forwarded immediately for the above Purpose To prevent any Dissatisfaction that might otherwise arise from this Measure, you may intimate the absolute Necessity of it to the Owners and inform them full Compensation will be made for the use of their Vessels and in Case of Loss they will be indemnified. And it is necessary to Supply the Troops with Provisions, we desire you to apply to M^r Donellan for six hundred Barrels of Bread to be sent to Elk in the impressed Vessels. We believe M^r Donellan has that Quantity and more ready, but should it happen otherwise, We request you to apply to M^r Smith for as much as will make up the Deficiency. He offered a Quantity to us some Time ago and what we want we will take upon the Terms he offered and we hope and expect that if it should be wanted he will let