

sented to let their Vessels go, we think their Vessels with their Hands ought to be impressed and request of you to have it done on such an Event

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[Council to James McHenry, Esqr.]

Ibid.

Yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Instant, we have received, we shall use every Means in our Power to furnish and forward the necessary Vessels. We have already impressed and sent forward every one from this Harbour. Skows and small Vessels for loading the Cannon and Troops cannot be had here, but we trust a sufficient Number may be obtained in Baltimore. All our Boats proper for conveying Intelligence are this Time employed in that way, except Cap<sup>t</sup> Steward which is this Moment setting off for the Marquis's Orders.

[Council to Capt. Keepports.]

Ibid.

We request you to call on M<sup>r</sup> Hercules Courtenay for ten Pieces containing 256 yards of blue Cloth and 132 Pair of yarn Hose, purchased of him and have them sent to this Place by the first Safe Conveyance

[Council to The Honble Major General Marquis De la Fayette.]

Ibid.  
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We had the Honor of addressing you on the third Instant since which we are favored with yours of the same Date. We are fully impressed with the Advantages which the States in general and Maryland in particular will derive from the success of the Expedition which you have the Conduct of, and truly lament the Difficulties which have occurred. We however flatter ourselves the Movement of your Detachment will not be much retarded on that Score, as the wind has been so favorable for some Time past as to give a Number of Vessels impressed in this Port and Baltimore Town an opportunity of getting to the Head of Elk. We beg leave to renew the Assurances already given that every Execution in the Power of this State shall be chearfully made to remove the Difficulties you may apprehend in transporting the Troops down the Bay. It will give us the highest Pleasure to have any share of the Accomplishment of your Projects attributed to the Exertions of Maryland. We have prepared a Dispatch Boat to convey your Letter to the Commanding officer near Portsmouth which will be sent off as soon as the winds will permit and have given Directions to the Master to throw it over Board if he should be in Danger of being taken.

[Council to Mr. Thos. Beatty.]

Ibid.

You will deliver to George Murdock Esq<sup>r</sup> all the Flour and Grain in your Hands as Commissioner of Frederick County taking his receipt for the same