

[Council to Col. John Wood.]

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p. 119

We expected before we received yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant that the Convention Troops were on their March to Fort Frederick, indeed such is the Complexion of Affairs that we think their Removal ought not to be deferred a Moment under any Pretext whatever and therefore most earnestly solicit you to have them sent on immediately without regarding Difficulties that may hereafter occur at that Post. Mr Murdock is well supplied with Provision and will furnish what is necessary for the Guard and the Prisoners on their way; to enable you to bear the Expence of the Officer to be sent with the British Officers to Connecticut, we have enclosed you an Order for on the Collector of Frederick County, and hope your Indulgence to the Officers to remain until 25<sup>th</sup> to adjust their Affairs will be revoked and Measures taken for their immediate Departure. If the Officers should complain of your deviating from your Permission, our Direction may be mentioned to justify you and Silence their Complaints. We cannot give Surgeon Carroll Leave to visit his Relation on East Ridge. As Col. Rawlings by Appointment of the Board of war on our Recommendation has always had the Prisoners of War at Fort Frederick under his Care and Direction, we wish if you can do it consistent with Propriety that the Convention Troops when removed to that Post may be put under his Superintendence and Authority, as he could from his Acquaintance and Intimacy with most of the People of that Country provide for their Support better than any stranger possibly could. p. 120

[Council to Mr. Stephen Steward.]

Ibid.

We want a Galley built immediately and wish to treat with you on that Subject.

[Council to Col. Ware.]

Ibid.

We sent to the Care of Col Beall of Prince Georges County Seventy five Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleat, requesting him to forward them to you, we now send you by John Allen Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> twenty five Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleat, two quarter Casks of Musquet Powder, five hundred Gun Flints and two Quire Cartridge Paper with Directions to have conveyed to you with all possible Dispatch. You'll order out such Numbers of the Militia of your County as are necessary to protect the Inhabitants from the Ravages of the Enemy and apply to the Commissary of Charles for Provisions for them. We hereby empower you to impress such Vessels with their Hands Carriage Horses and other draft Cattle Geers and Drivers as you may judge necessary and proper for the Service, to perform Carriage mount the Militia or go on Expresses, You will also remove all the Horses Stock or Provisions from any Neck or Shore where there may appear to you a Probability of their falling into the Hands of the Enemy.