

Effect immediately and to enable you we have given Orders to the Lieutenant of Washington to furnish on your requisition as many of the Militia of his County as you may think necessary to escort the Prisoners and have desired Col^o Price of Frederick Town to supply you with such Provisions as he may have on Hand and if necessary to seize as much as may be wanting and have authorised and empowered the Lieutenants of Washington County to impress waggons Teams and Drivers sufficient for the forwarding the Prisoners into the State of Pensylvania where we would have them marched and where we expect you will receive further Orders from the Board of War to whom we have wrote on the Subject The Resolution referred to is enclosed. We were favored with your Letter of the 25th Ult. which shall be laid before the Assembly, it gives us Pain that there should be such a Scarcity of Provisions and so many Embarrassments. We cannot write you fully at present but will do it by the first convenient Opportunity.

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[Council to Lieutenant of Washington County.]

Ibid.

In Pursuance of the Directions of the general Assembly for the removal of the British Prisoners from Fort Frederick, Northward we request you will order such a Guard from the Militia at large under trusty and vigilant Officers as Col^o Wood may deem sufficient for the safe keeping and conducting them into some Part of Pensylvania. You will impress if not to be procured by Hire, a sufficient Number of Waggons Teams and Drivers to transport their Baggage and Provision.

[Council to]

Ibid.

The Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are marching with great rapidity through the State of Virginia, and a force embarked under Leslie supposed for Patowmack to cooperate with Cornwallis makes it necessary that we should have as great a Force as in our Power to receive them should they invade this State. We therefore direct you to give Orders to the Select Militia of your County to march immediately to George Town on Patowmack the Place of Rendezvous and there to remain Subject to our further orders. And we also request you to order all the Militia in your County who can be well armed and accoutred to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning.

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Circular to the Lieutenants of Charles Prince Georges Montgomery Frederick Washington, With this Addition to the Lieu^t of Montgomery. As the large Quantity of public Provision at George Town may be an Object with the Enemy. We request you to have it carried into the most safe interior Parts of the County and to be lodged in different Places and likewise with this Addition to the Lieutenant of Frederick. You will direct the Troops of light Horse to repair to George Town.