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Warrants issued, directed to Donaldson Yeates D. Quarter Master Gen<sup>l</sup> of M<sup>d</sup> David Poe Quarter Master Baltimore. James Tootell, Annapolis. Thomas Beall George Town. Samuel Maynard, Lower Marlbro', John Bolton, Chester. James Sullivane Dorchester, Charles Blake Queen Anns County. Richard Dallam Harford and Hugh Hopewell, St. Marys County, empowering and requesting them to impress, all the Vessels capable of Transporting Troops or Military Stores, with their hands, provision and Furniture that are within any of the Rivers or Harbours of Chesepeake Bay and direct them immediately to repair to the Head of Elk, there to receive orders from M<sup>r</sup> Donaldson Yeates Dep<sup>y</sup> Quart<sup>r</sup> Mast<sup>r</sup> General.

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[Council to His Excellency, Genl Washington.]

We are honored by your Excellency's Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> and we receive with the greatest Satisfaction the Intelligence of the Approach of the Fleet of our generous Ally. You may rely Sir, on every Exertion that is possible for us to make to accelerate the Movements of the Army on an Expedition, the Success of which must hasten the Establishment of the Independence of America, and relieve us from many of the Calamities of war. Orders have issued to impress every Vessel belonging to the State, and forwarding them, without Delay to the Head of Elk: but we are sorry to inform your Excellency, that since the Enemy has had Possession of the Bay, our Number of sea Vessels and Craft has been so reduced by Captures, that we are apprehensive what remains will not transport so considerable a Detachment. We have directed the State officers to procure immediately by Purchase or Seizure five thousand Head of Cattle and a large Quantity of Flour; there is very little salt Provision in the State, but [what] can be obtained, we trust will be collected. Part of the Provision will be deposited at the Head of Elk, Baltimore Town, and George Town, most of the Cattle will be kept in good Pastures, not far distant from the Bay and Rivers, so that they may with Ease be forwarded to any Point where they may be required, we have directed sufficient Quantities of Forage to be laid in, at the Head of Elk, Baltimore Town, and George Town, for the use of the Army. The third regiment consisting of about six hundred Men, under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup> Adams marched from this City last Tuesday; and about seven hundred of the new Levies here will move in a few Days. Every Aid that can be given M<sup>r</sup> Morris will be afforded with the utmost Chearfulness and Alacrity.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

By Letters received by Express from his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington and Robert Morris Esq<sup>r</sup> we are informed that a large Detachment from the main Army are on their March to Virginia by way of p. 264 the Head of Elk to cooperate with the French Fleet hourly expected